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PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

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The House met at 14:15.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER: You may be seated. I recognise the hon Chief Whip.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Speaker. I rise to inform the House that questions to Minister Madikizela will stand over with the agreement of the relevant questioner. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Chief Whip. Are there any objections to the motion, the request by the Chief Whip? No objections?

Thank you, hon Chief Whip.

Thank you, hon members. I just want to before the business proceeds just make a point about Rule 65. If you recall, hon members, in the debate on 22 August 2019 members requested the Presiding Officer, both myself and the hon Deputy Speaker for an opportunity to explain themselves in terms of Rule 65, where they felt they have been misquoted or misunderstood by other hon members. As Presiding Officers we dealt with the requests on their merits and I am of the view that fairness prevailed in all those cases. Fairness prevailed in all those cases.

The following important information, however, relating to the application of this Rule, I would like to bring it to the attention of the members here that an explanation during a debate is only allowed with the prior consent of the Presiding Officer. Explanations will only be allowed when a material part of a member's speech has been misquoted or misunderstood. Members are allowed an explanation and may not introduce a new matter and no debate is allowed upon the explanation itself. The Presiding Officer/s may request that a member provides the text of the explanation prior to making a decision on the granting of such a request. So the explanation may not contain offensive language, court controversy, debate the matter or contain charges or attacks on another member.

The Rule cannot be used by members to request that the member speaking explains himself. I think this is important, hon members that the Rule cannot be used by members to request that the member explains himself or herself, on any matter he or she is raising at the present time.

It is very clear that this Rule is not intended to settle political disputes and does not provide an opportunity to get a second bite at the cherry in conveying the message.

Hon members operate in a political environment where contestation takes place all the time and where arguments are won and lost on the ability to persuade others of your point of view. The general rules of debate provide for sufficient protection of members when debating issues and will be enforced by the Presiding Officers on a very fair basis - on a very fair basis. These Rules should be utilised only when warranted in strict compliance with the above prescripts.

Furthermore, Presiding Officers are expected to make a judgement call on whether a material part of a speech has indeed been misunderstood or misquoted and it cannot be expected of the Presiding Officers to do so without properly applying their minds in this regard.

Hon members, we are of the view that the Rule can be improved or otherwise, then there is an opportunity to engage the Presiding Officer, the Speaker and the Rules Committee, because fortunately currently we are revising the Rules of Order and that will then be the best opportunity with the Rules Review Committee and the subcommittee that the Rules Committee has appointed. So I trust that this guidance, hon members, does shed some light insofar as this specific Rule and its application is concerned. I therefore thank you,

hon members.

Now we have Interpellations. We have three interpellations today and the first interpellation is by hon member Kama to hon Minister of Community Safety. I recognise hon Minister Fritz.

INTERPELLATIONS:

Khayelitsha: safety of the people

1. Mr Kama asked the Minister of Community Safety:

What progress has the Provincial Government made in enhancing the safety of the people of Khayelitsha as recommended by the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Enkosi, hon Speaker.

HON MEMBERS: Somlomo! [Speaker!]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Somlomo! Somlomo!

The SPEAKER: Ndiyabulela. [I thank you.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: I want to thank hon member

Kama for the question because remember this was indeed quite an important commission and so following the Commission of Inquiry a task team was established consisting of representatives of the South African Police Services, the Department of Community Safety as well as civil society. This task team worked through all 20 Commission recommendations. This included monitoring progress by the SAPS and provincial role players. Reports on progress were submitted to the Office of the Premier as well as the Standing Committee on Community Safety. The most recent report compiled as part of the task team was the monitoring and oversight report compiled in October 2018 in terms of specifically Recommendation 3. The work of the task team has now been subsumed by the whole-of-society approach.

This initiative is led by Khayelitsha jointly by the Director-General of the Western Cape Department of Health and the Head of Department of Community Safety. A design team has been established to coordinate the work of different provincial departments, the City of Cape Town and SAPS to enhance service delivery in the area. There are four interconnected aspects to the WOS-approach in Khayelitsha:

- (1) A social cluster themed to address the social ills or challenges.
- (2) A spatial cluster focusing on how communities are structured and organised including intra-structural planning and development;
- (3) An economic cluster to address economic opportunities;
- (4) Safety, drawing from the Khayelitsha Commission and the key concerns

in the area.

It was clear that the other three themes would be clustered around safety in order to improve safety in Khayelitsha. The initiative will be analysed, it will analyse crime statistics and trends and spatial development trends in the area to decide where geographic intervention should be based. Focus areas will include safety in schools and around the school environment, building trust in the community and the Alcohol Harms Reduction Project. The approach seeks to work with the community and business community.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Fritz. I recognise hon member Kama.

Mr M KAMA: Thank you, hon Speaker, and thank you to the MEC for the response. Hon Speaker, there is no doubt that millions were spent on this Commission to paint the National Government and SAPS in a negative light. This is why after so many years, hon Speaker, the Provincial Government has failed dismally to implement some of the recommendations that were assigned to it.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Decided by you.

Mr M KAMA: On page 383 the Commission's report stated clearly that evidence that emerged during the commission inquiry made it clear that there was an emerging young gang culture in Khayelitsha that required an immediate response. Recommendation 12 was clear that DOCS should

establish and lead a multi-sectoral task team on youth gangs.

This never happened and as a result young boys that led gangs like the Vuras, the Vatos and the Italians in 2013 have now graduated into big gangs like the Guptas and your Boko Harams, which are terrorising the Cape Flats on a daily basis.

An excuse that has been made, hon Speaker, has been used often in the House, is that the Department is one of the stakeholders responsible for the implementation of the National Anti-Gang Strategy and that it would be duplication if they implemented the Multi-Sectoral Task Team on Youth Gangs. This is a blatant lie, because the anti-gang strategy does not have a focus on youth gangs. The ongoing gang wars taking place in Khayelitsha and surroundings, the high number of young people that are armed and terrorising our communities are partly due to the failure of the Department to act on the recommendations of the Commission.

Hon Speaker, the recommendations of the Commission are binding and therefore the Provincial Government cannot be selective on implementing these recommendations and ignore others when it feels like it. The Commission was supposed to be a blueprint to enhance safety in the province. The failure to implement its recommendation contributed immensely to the province being the murder capital and the Provincial Government should accept this. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION (ANC): Hear-hear!

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Kama. I recognise hon Allen.

Mr R I ALLEN: Hon Speaker, three days ago I have noted an article in the *Daily Maverick* where the author noticeably questions why the National Minister of Police and the National Department of Police are not implementing the solutions by the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry. Allow me to expand.

SAPS under the leadership of the National Government failed women in Khayelitsha in their unwillingness to implement the Domestic Violence Act. To date no FSC Unit has been created in any of the precincts in Khayelitsha; also a report by the Western Cape Department of Community Safety in March revealed that training courses for officers had not yet been provided or attended. The human resource requirement of police stations and the urgent reallocation of human resources are yet to be met. These are arguably four of the most vital recommendations of the 13 directed to SAPS, but no implementation.

The Commission noted that it is clear that policing in Khayelitsha is particularly challenging; like anyone in this entire province, even in Khayelitsha, we all deserve to be safe and secure and with that our fundamental rights for the residents of Khayelitsha have been hampered due to the ineffectiveness of SAPS.

The Western Cape Government has made progress and remains committed, as discussed by the Minister, to all the recommendations directed to the Western Cape Government along with the Premier's countless commitments to fighting crime in this province. I would urgently ask, I would even go as far as say friends in the Opposition benches, to speak to the National Minister, so that he can put his weight behind the recommendations and see how it can truly bring safety to Khayelitsha and the surrounding areas. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Allen. I recognise hon member Kama.

Mr M KAMA: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, I think the Provincial Government, the DA Government in the Western Cape, needs to realise that it has been given an opportunity to lead in the province and it must stop that every time when there is an issue they have to address, the excuse is that National is not doing that and that. [Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: But they are not doing it.

Mr M KAMA: Hon Speaker, what is clear is that DOCS and Provincial Government were assigned recommendations to implement, which they ignored. We also have to accept that crime is not a responsibility of police only. Fortunately MEC Fritz understands this battle. He acknowledges that things like poor service delivery, poverty, unemployment and inequality contribute to the crime situation.

The Commission itself noted this anomaly when it alerted inadequate sanitation; insufficient public lighting; informal housing and poor road infrastructure as factors contributing to high levels of violent crimes in the area and this limiting police's ability to fight crime. In police precincts, hon Speaker, with many informal settlements the crime and murder rate are always high and nothing is done to address this. While the City of Cape Town refuses to use the USDG Fund to develop informal settlements, the DoCS is happy to just point fingers at National Government and SAPS. This must end, hon Speaker, stop the blame-and-complain game. Do the actual work.

Recommendation 8, hon Speaker, highlighted some challenges with regard to functioning of CPFs. It recommended that an investigation was needed on what the appropriate role of CPFs could be and what constraints there may be on CPFs in order for them to perform such role including resource constraints.

Just last week, Hon Speaker, MEC Fritz told the House that there are about five CPFs that his Department is not working with or they are not working with the Department, because they do not want to account to the Department. On top of that CPFs are not participating on anything at the current moment until they have elected new elected leadership as reported to the Committee by the Department last week. This is wrong and totally unacceptable. The ill-treatment of CPFs must be condemned.

As if that was not enough, Recommendation 8 was on the use of CCTV

cameras, it stated that consideration should be given to relocating the cameras for maximum effect... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Kama, you need to wrap up, your time is up.

Mr M KAMA: Are we working on three minutes?

The SPEAKER: Yes, three minutes.

Mr M KAMA: Oh! Okay, thank you, Hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Policy.

Mr M KAMA: In wrapping up, hon Speaker, what I want to say, hon Speaker, I use this opportunity also to applaud the KPF in Khayelitsha for trying because of the cries of the community, recently they have launched their, I think, Project Uyabona where they will install 45 cameras and the question would be what is the Department doing to address this recommendation. [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Kama. Thank you, your time is up.

Mr M KAMA: Thank you hon Speaker. [Time expired.] [Applause.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION (ANC): Hear-hear!

The SPEAKER: I recognise the hon, Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you hon Speaker. Sometimes, hon member, and I am saying this with absolute respect, hon Speaker, when I answer and you just have a ready-made script you do not - you have not listened to what I said, because you just continue to read from your ready-made script and it does not sometimes make logical sense, but the hon member is a good man, so I think we have some good understanding. [Interjections.]

So hon Speaker, through you to the hon member Kama, the one fundamental issue that you as the ANC has control over, that the National Minister has to just sign the National MOU regarding the Khayelitsha Commission. Up to today it is still not signed. [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): How many years later, how many years?

An HON MEMBER: It is shocking!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: It is still not signed and then, you know, then this party comes here and they lecture us about cooperation. All the other stuff, hon member, and I must say to you... [Interjection.]

†'n AGBARE LID: Swak!

[An HON MEMBER: Poor!]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: That was exactly what I was talking about, the whole-of-society approach. You will remember, as I said that multi-party, the task team, was to deal with exactly what you said. But I also want to say, the provincial approach to the National Anti-Gang Strategy has also been concluded and we are waiting and of course you are correct that you can have a National Anti-Gang Strategy. What is it called, the National / Provincial Anti-Gang Strategy and if we do not have it in the province, it is absurd, because there is a new form of gangs as you indicated in our townships and I think Boko Haram is far more than youth gangs. They actually border now on syndicates and they are very, very dangerous. I mean there are now shebeens, illegal shebeens closed; not because of law enforcement, they are closing because they cannot pay the extortion money that these gangs - powerful gangs - are operating. [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Oh, so you know about that. What are you doing; what are you doing about that?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Yes, you run *mos* behind them, with some of them, so the point I am making hon member Kama, is that kind of thing. [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): [Inaudible.] Boko Haram existing in townships.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: And so I am saying we are still waiting on the Provincial Commissioner but there is a new Commissioner with a great will to make stuff happen. So I am sure we are going to have that, do you remember the provincial response to the National Anti-Gang Strategy? I am sure that will go in now.

I also want to just say that even the Social Justice Coalition took National to Court on the Khayelitsha Report, and the Equality Court ruled in favour of and how to engage the National Minister and we are just looking at, the one thing the Court must just conclude is still the remedies involved because they agreed with us and with the Social Justice Coalition on the under-resourcing, which is like the fundamental issue in the Western Cape. There is also a very interesting point, another point that, and I must say this and I really want to say it very constructively, I am not really pointing fingers, but really the National Minister and the ANC Government must stop hiding behind the veil of environmental design and social issues, and I agree that those are contributing but they must just get their basics right. They must get policing right. You know, you can go with me now to any police station, go with me to Belhar, or go with me even to one of the areas in Nyanga, the police station. The level of service delivery is just absolutely pathetic. So the point I am making is they must really honestly stop hiding behind the veil. We must pierce the veil and shut them up and say “Hello, stop hiding behind this nonsense.”

The last thing I want to just say hon member and I see hon member Dugmore

is applauding you very loudly - but the Community Police Forums, their time has expired. You know there is a Constitution that is five years. The five years had passed. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: That is the ANC [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Hello! Get it into your head that they must get out and bring back new people to be elected.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): No, you are marginalising them; even before the end of the term. [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: No, get them to be elected, but they want to use the forum for their own source. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Fritz, you need to wrap up.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Yes, they want to use it for their own political purpose. That is the problem. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Shocking!

An HON MEMBER: Yes, the same way you use the Walking Buses.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: But I want to say thank you for

your contribution. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Minister Fritz. [Interjections.] Order, hon members. That concludes this interpellation. The next interpellation is by hon Leader of the Opposition to the Premier. I recognise the Premier.

Disciplinary action against members facing charges

2. Mr C M Dugmore asked the Premier:

Whether he will take disciplinary action against any member of his Cabinet who faces pending crime and/or corruption charges?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon Speaker, and thank you very much to the Provincial Leader of the Opposition for the question. Hon Speaker, the answer to this question depends on what the hon member Dugmore means by the term “pending crime and/or corruption charges”, and I say this because if he means charges in the sense of being allegations that he or his party may conjure up against members of my Cabinet from time to time but which have no substance in terms of any *bona fide* investigation by an appropriate organ of state, then the answer is no. If however, he means circumstances when a member of my Cabinet is the subject of a *bona fide* investigation by SAPS or the NPA in relation to an alleged crime, which includes corruption, then I will obviously consider the facts at my disposal and then determine what

action can or should be taken in respect of such Minister. An independent consideration of the correct facts will of course always be relevant, never more so than in this era of fake news. Captured organs of state or social media comments are too often mistaken for the full and complete truth in a matter.

Hon member Dugmore will of course hopefully also be aware that his use of the term “disciplinary action” in relation to me and my Ministers is incorrect, given that our Cabinet Ministers are not my employees but rather serve at my discretion, as was explained recently by none other than the President himself, President Ramaphosa, when pointing this out to the Public Protector in response to her suggestion that he was capable and indeed obligated to discipline Minister Gordhan just recently.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Premier. I recognise the hon, the Leader of the Opposition.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION (ANC): Thank you very much hon Speaker. For the past decade we have been made to believe that the DA is a corrupt-free organisation, which would take every step possible to ensure that those who are found guilty of corruption are brought to book.

Now besides the clear bias of MEC Bredell when he deals with councillors, and it is a matter of record he is biased, the manifesto of the party urged

people to use their votes to ensure a strong DA because in their words the DA was serious about fighting corruption.

The SPEAKER: I recognise the Chief Whip. Hon member Dugmore, will you please take your seat. There is a point of order.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Speaker, on a point of order, is it parliamentary for one hon member to call another hon member biased?

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): I would argue it is not. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: The Speaker will make a decision, you are not the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Let me say the following, hon members, Rule 59 is clear on what we can or cannot do as hon members and one is that you may not cast aspersions on the sitting member of the House and that especially on the integrity of the Minister who is sitting here, so on that point then I will request hon member Dugmore to withdraw that part because it is out of order in terms of Rule 59.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION (ANC): Thank you very much, hon Speaker, I do withdraw and give notice that we will bring a

substantive motion to demonstrate and prove the bias which we are alleging.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION (ANC): He also made a bold statement that he would ensure the Western Cape had a government of integrity to honour Madiba and each and every citizen, but it appears that this administration led by Premier Winde has more than one of its members of the Executive Council under a dark cloud. An example to prove this would be MEC Madikizela, his lavish birthday celebration... [Interjection.]

†Die MINISTER VAN GEMEENSKAPSVEILIGHEID: Daai is ou stories.

[The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Those are old stories.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION (ANC): ...which is clear was sponsored by certain suppliers in the building industry. [Interjections.] That is beyond the dispute. If you read the Public Protector's report it is beyond dispute that donations were made.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Bring it to me straight. [Inaudible.] SASSA.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION (ANC): We would like to ask the Premier, will he make public the report that the former Premier indicated she had compiled through an internal investigation; will he make it public? Was MEC Madikizela, given this questionable ethical conduct, was

he in fact shifted because the Premier fears further revelations in regard to that particular MEC, but it is clear that the Premier does not need to wait for criminal charges to actually look at this particular issue which remains unresolved. A substantive motion, Speaker, was brought before this House last week, calling for an investigation against MEC Simmers for the alleged theft of electricity at his residence in George. This is also a matter of public record that a criminal case, CAS 355/1/2016 interfering with the electric apparatus was withdrawn by the Municipality for reasons that had very little to do with the merits of the case. I therefore want the Premier to give his commitment that if indeed a criminal case is reopened against MEC Simmers or any other MEC, that he would then take the particular action that he has now committed to in his initial response to this interpellation. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Dugmore. I recognise the Premier or I recognise hon member Mackenzie. I am sorry, hon member.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you hon Speaker. I am sure the hon member can tweet to former Premier Helen Zille and ask a copy of that report but, hon Speaker, the short answer to the hon member's question, whether the Premier will take action against any member of his Cabinet, the short answer where the DA Government governs, the DA will take action against any member who faces pending criminal or corruption... [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): No, that is nonsense.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Can you protect me, hon Speaker. The DA-led Government believes in open transparent and accountable government in the service of the people, but, hon Speaker, there is not one member of the Cabinet who faces criminal charges or corruption charges. This is not how the DA does things. This is how the ANC does things.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Think of Nomvula - the “braai pack” - Mokonyane and Bathabile Dlamini who were retained by President Ramaphosa in his Cabinet throughout 2018, and even made it back on the ANC’s parliamentary list despite criticism. Currently the Mayor of Durban even withdrew her resignation letter. [Interjection.] That is the quality of people the ANC has got. The toothless ANC’s Integrity Commission, hon Speaker, there is no new dawn in the ANC. They reward the implicated Minister in State capture with short-landings, even in this Provincial Legislature there were members of the Brown Envelope Brigade who applied to be here... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): You are a hater!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ...who were on their list and now still sitting on the task team to re-change the ANC. How does a party with that low level of credibility still ask such a question?

The DA believes in the rule of law and although one is considered to be

innocent until proven guilty we hold all these members to the highest standard, not by the lowest common denominator, which is corruption.

I thank you. [Applause.]

†Die MINISTER VAN GEMEENSKAPSVEILIGHEID: Mooi!

[The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Good!]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Mackenzie.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION (ANC): Thank you hon Speaker. It is clear from the question that we... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry hon member Dugmore, I have not recognised you yet. Thank you, hon member Mackenzie, I now recognise the Leader of the Opposition, hon member Dugmore. [Laughter.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION (ANC): Thank you hon Speaker. Let us be clear that our question is that in terms of charges that are pending or will be brought, what will the Premier do, will he commit himself? That is the issue for debate here because it is clear that the ANC has shown leadership in KwaZulu Natal. [Laughter.] It has dealt with the situation where there are particular charges that have been laid and it is following a process. [Interjections.] We are a constitutional democracy. [Interjections.]

†n AGBARE LID: In die Noord-Kaap.

[An HON MEMBER: In the Northern Cape.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION (ANC): But it is clear that this Premier has not been accountable and we also need to hear from the Premier and from his MEC that they are serious about conducting an investigation as to why the Municipality withdrew the charges against MEC Simmers. Recently even more information on the alleged corruption of MEC Simmers has surfaced, for example when he was a councillor at the Eden District Municipality he allegedly unjustifiably claimed from the subsistence and transport allowance... [Interjections.]

†Die ADJUNKHOOFSWEEP (DA): Dit is dieselfde geval.

[The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): It is the same case.]

†Die MINISTER VAN MENSLIKE NEDERSETTINGS: Sê vir Bessie hy moet die ding... [Onduidelik]

[The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Tell Bessie he should ...

[Inaudible.]]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION (ANC): The invitation was sent from NSchilder@DA Westerncapegov.za between 2011 and 2013. [Interjections.] He also claimed thousands from the Municipality for subsistence and transport while he did not have a driver's licence and was driving a car that was not roadworthy. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yoh!

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION (ANC): It has been brought to our attention that between 2011 and 2012 the member claimed tax from SARS for his travelling and received over R8 000 refund. Why must the Premier wait for charges to be laid before he does the right thing of actually considering members... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Tell Bessie to send you the [Inaudible.]

†Me P Z LEKKER: Is dit seer?

[Ms P Z LEKKER: Does it hurt?]

†Die MINISTER VAN MENSLIKE NEDERSETTINGS: Hou jou mond man!

[The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Be quiet man!]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION (ANC): ...and their removal who will jeopardise his mission on putting this Government on a path of integrity. In closing the Premier... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members, order. Would you please take your seat, hon member Dugmore? I recognise hon Chief Whip of the Opposition.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you hon Speaker. I would like to

[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Ask about Zuma's tax affairs.

[Laughter.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I would like to ask from the hon Speaker whether it is parliamentary for hon member Simmers when I ask, "Is dit seer", and he responds by saying: "Hou jou mond." Is it parliamentary?

An HON MEMBER: No! [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Alright, thank you hon, the Chief Whip of the Opposition. It is a difficult one. I did not hear what the member was saying, but if he did say so "Hou jou mond", it is similar to say "shut up", is that correct?

An HON MEMBER: Yes, yes.

The SPEAKER: And I ruled that "shut up" is unparliamentary and it was withdrawn.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, yes. [Interjections.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Hou jou mond is "bly stil."

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: *Hou jou mond* means “Be quiet.”]

The SPEAKER: Now let me - can I please chair this meeting? Can I be the Speaker, I am presiding, so please, hon members. Minister Simmers, did you utter those words?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Hon Speaker I did say “hou jou mond” but the English translation is “please keep quiet.” Thank you.

Mrs P BANS: No it is not “Please keep quiet.” [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Alright.

†Mnr P J MARAIS: Agbare Speaker, Speaker [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Mr P J MARAIS: Hon Speaker, Speaker [Interjections.]]

The SPEAKER: Alright, Order hon members! [Interjections.] Order, hon members! Hon member Marais, what is your point of order?

†Mnr P J MARAIS: Meneer, “hou jou mond” is nie “bly stil” nie. Dit is ’n aggressiewe manier om te sê “Hou jou smoel. *Shut up*. So dit is dieselfde as “shut up.” Ek is Afrikaans en ’n Engelse man kan nie vir my sê wat dit beteken nie. [Applous.] [Gelag.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Mr P J MARAIS: Sir, “hou jou mond” is not “bly stil”. It is an aggressive manner to say *Hou jou smoel*. Shut up. So it is the same as “shut up.” I am Afrikaans and an Englishman cannot tell me what it means. [Applause.] [Laughter.]

The SPEAKER: Okay, thank you. Thank you hon Marais. †Ek het mos nou Afrikaans om te leer. [I now have Afrikaans to learn.]

†n AGBARE LID: Ja!

[An HON MEMBER: Yes!]

The SPEAKER: May I request if there is a contestation that we - because the member said it without pressing the mic so it is difficult to refer, but if the member indeed said so, that is unparliamentary and I wish that members monitor the use of language we use, but let us proceed now. I hope we are all happy. The member, I have asked the hon member, hon member Lekker, I asked the hon Minister Simmers to confirm whether he in fact said so or not and when he stood up he had a different view. Hon Minister Simmers, did you say “hou jou mond”?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Hon Speaker, I did indeed say “hou jou mond”, yes.

The SPEAKER: Will you please withdraw that, Sir?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I will withdraw it, but then I will give the member an Afrikaans dictionary. Thank you. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No, no.

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Simmers, do you withdraw unconditionally?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I withdraw unconditionally; †sonder voorwaardes. [without conditions.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Minister Simmers. I learnt something from hon member Marais, what else I could say if I was sitting that side. May I please request the hon, the Leader of the Opposition to proceed. He was on the floor.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION (ANC): Hon Speaker, just on a point of order, could the Table or yourself please indicate how many more seconds I have, because I need to structure my last comment.

The SPEAKER: We kept the time. It is exactly one minute 12 seconds that is left, yes.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION (ANC): Chairperson, this is

not a witch-hunt by the Opposition. We have committed ourselves to being united, to being effective, to being vigilant, to being responsible but also to being constructive. The concern that we have is that there is email evidence which indicates conduct unbecoming of an MEC, a Provincial Minister of this Government. What we expect from the Premier and from the MEC is to come clean on this particular issue of the travel allowances. It is our responsibility to bring to the attention of this House what are allegations. That is why we are doing it, not because we have anything personal about hon Minister Simmers or any other member of this House. This is not personal.
[Interjections.]

This relates to conduct, ethical conduct that we are expecting from MECs so what we would like to ask the Premier, in regard to the email correspondence which we will provide to you in regard to all of these allegations of travel claims, would you give this House a commitment that you would investigate those ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION (ANC): ... and actually provide this House with the information about these very serious allegations about the abuse of the taxpayers' money in regard to unwarranted claims.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Dugmore. Thank you very much. I now recognise the Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. I think first of all I will reiterate and it was said by the Leader of the Opposition that we stand for good governance and I did speak about integrity and doing things properly. I can also say that I believe that I have done that ever since coming to this House, specifically dealing with corruption; specifically dealing with these kinds of issues. I think way back to dealing with David Malatsi; I remember raising it under member's privilege in this very House, taking it to the Public Protector and processes ended up with that very member or Minister then ending up serving prison time.

I think I have shown it with officials in the departments that I have been the Minister of in the last few years and we could actually draw the detail of those officials who have also been arrested and processes have been followed. I think exactly the same when I was in the position of the hon member there, I think back to bringing issues to this House of the then Mayor Wildeman and Municipal Manager Seitisho and even getting them in this House and I think the hon member Mvimbi will know this, but getting them in this very House in our Standing Committee admitting to double-dipping in trips to Paris, in using municipal credit cards for Friday afternoon shopping sprees, etcetera. So I want to say that I absolutely am committed to making sure that we have clean ethical government in this province.

So you have asked actually a few questions besides your last points. I think the first questions you raised were around the issues that were raised in the previous Parliament of this House, around Minister Madikizela,

investigations of the then Premier, the Public Protector process; the challenges to the Public Protector process and I give an undertaking to go and see if I can find those documents and make them available to the hon member.

I also will say as in the issues that he has raised about the hon member Simmers in this House, Minister Simmers, I have actually received written correspondence to this effect from another political party in this House, I think everybody is aware of it because it was sent to me but also sent to the media. That has been a subject of an investigation and I am told that I should have the report on my desk within the next few days. Obviously then what I will do is send it back to where it was raised from and I will do exactly the same if you give me those details as you have said, I will give the undertaking that we will follow process, investigate and deal with it appropriately, because as I said in the beginning that we believe in good clean government and when these issues are raised they must be investigated, and then of course there are different paths to follow once that investigation has been completed. I will give it back to the hon member and then either I or he are able to follow different paths, but I said as well, while we uphold the rule and law and our Constitution we also believe in innocence until proven guilty. We also believe that when you have these kinds of charges that you obviously lay them outside of this House with certain consequences, if you lay those charges and make them public outside of the House and are seen to be untrue, obviously you must deal with it and that is why we have in our parliamentary democracy the opportunity for members to raise issues within

the confines of this Parliament, you have protection in which to do that so that we can ensure that we have proper clean and effective government. So my answer is in closing that that is exactly what I will do. If I can ask you to formally submit to me it will be easier than drawing it from Hansard and then it is a formal document to me and we will follow that process. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Premier. Your time is up. Thank you very much. That concludes this interpellation. Now the next interpellation is by hon Van der Westhuizen to the hon Minister of Local Government, Environment Affairs and Development Planning. I now recognise the Minister, Minister Bredell.

Mr P J MARAIS: Hon Speaker, can I before the Minister speaks, on a point of order ask the relevance of this question because on Local Government we have - anybody can stay... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry hon member! Hon member, that cannot be a point of order.

Mr P J MARAIS: It is a sweetheart question.

The SPEAKER: No, but that is a frivolous point of order. I am sorry. I recognise the Minister.

Local government public representatives

3. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

What actions can his Department and local governments take to make it more attractive and easier for a wider range of voters to become candidates who are willing to serve as public representatives at local government level?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Speaker, thank you very much. It is not a sweetheart question, it is an interpellation. Section 158 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa provides for certain criteria, which makes citizens who qualify to vote for a municipal council eligible or non-eligible to be a member of that council. Thus, any member of the community who qualifies in terms of the criteria referred to in the Constitution and has the conviction as leaders to serve the community in an effective accountable transparent manner, whilst facilitating public participation, should be encouraged to serve as the public representative at local government level. My Department's mandate is to focus on the development of those serving within the municipal landscape and enable the creation of local government that people would want to serve in, in collaboration with other stakeholders.

Actions my Department has taken to build the capacity of councillors that

have and are currently serving in local government space, are mostly based on identified developmental needs. These needs are based on concerns, reported to the Department's audit outcomes, matters reporting in the media and information shared by citizens. The Department has previously rolled out a customised skills programme with the Nelson Mandela Bay University, as implementing agent. The skills programme could translate into a qualification and contained, amongst others, the following modules:

- The Role of the Speaker and Mayor in Local Government;
- Oversight in Local Government;
- Guidelines for councillors;
- The Law governing decisions and decision-making in Local Government;
- Code of Conduct for councillors;
- Procedures for disciplinary hearings and investigations;
- Rules of procedures;
- Conduct at meetings of the Municipal Council;
- The Role of Councillors in Supply Chain Management;
- Delegations of Powers in Local Government;
- The Constitutional Mandate of Local Government;
- The Roles and responsibilities of Municipal Councillors in terms of the MFMA.

My Department also realised that despite rolling out this modular programme, additional focus was needed on soft skills, personal attributes that enable someone to interact effectively with their community and thus made provision

for such including providing hands-on support and advisory services where requested, to assist in setting an ethical tone and enable good governance through support to councillors to fulfil their oversight role. In terms of the Local Government Integrity Management Framework councillors have the responsibility for setting an ethical tone for the municipality and ensuring good governance through fulfilling their oversight role. Their work also requires them to make use of substantive discretion in decisions that will be based on their personal moral values and integrity. They thus have significant ethical responsibilities and frequently work in challenging ethical environments.

The SPEAKER: Minister, you need to wrap up.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Minister Bredell, I now recognise hon member Van der Westhuizen.

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Hon Speaker, will you just stop the clock so that the translation services can come online as I would like to speak Afrikaans.

The SPEAKER: I am sure we are ready all the time. Are we ready?

†Mnr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Agb lid Mvimbi, kan u my hoor in die taal van u keuse?

[Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Hon member Mvimbi, can you hear me in the language of your choice?]

The SPEAKER: Can you confirm, hon members, whether the translation is live?

An HON MEMBER: Yes, hon Speaker.

†Mnr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Is daar vertaling?

[Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Is there translation?]

The SPEAKER: It is. It is live.

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Is it live?

The SPEAKER: Now you may proceed, hon member Van der Westhuizen.

†Mnr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Baie dankie, agbare Speaker. Deur u aan die Minister, ek dink ons beseft dat uiteindelik is plaaslike regering verantwoordelik vir 'n geweldige belangrike deel van dienslewering in Suid-Afrika en dit is my indruk dat baie van ons diensleweringproteste hou ook direk verband met klagtes van inwoners oor gebrek aan dienslewering op plaaslike vlak en ek dink daarom sal almal in hierdie Huis met my saamstem as ek sê ons sal graag wil sien dat die beste mense moontlik hulle as raadslede of kandidate vir raadslidskap beskikbaar sal stel. Maar Minister, soos wat u weet, is die posisie van 'n raadslid baie onseker. Daar is geen arbeidsbeskerming nie.

Jy word maar vir 'n termyn van vyf jaar verkies en soos wat ons nou vroeër vandag in hierdie Huis gehoor het, stel jy jou hele lewe voor dat daar uiteindelik vir jou swartgesmeer kan word, dat daar karaktermoord op jou gepleeg kan word en so meer. Dit is nie alle mense wat kans sien om dit aan hulself te laat doen nie, maar soos wat u ook weet, Minister, is daar 'n groot verskil in die vergoeding tussen die sogenaamde voltydse en deelydse raadslede op plaaslike vlak maar die publiek verwag nie van jou om net 'n deelydse raadslid te wees nie. Baie van u was waarskynlik self voorheen raadslede gewees. U weet, jy mag 'n deelydse raadslid op papier wees maar uiteindelik verwag die publiek van jou om 24-uur, sewe dae van die week aan diens te wees en om na hulle behoeftes om te sien. Wat meer is, in sommige gemeenskappe word daar selfs van raadslede verwag om hulp te verleen met elektrisiteitsaankope, die kostes van begrafnisse, vervoer na hospitale en so meer en ons het al baie keer gesien dat dit eenvoudig vir raadslede onhoudbaar word om daar hul eie gemeenskappe wat tog die ideaal is waar hulle moet bly, om daar te kan voortbestaan, en dan, agb Speaker... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Thank you, hon Speaker. Through you to the Minister, I think we realise that in the end local government is responsible for a very important part of service delivery in South Africa and it is my impression that many of our service delivery protests are also directly related to complaints of inhabitants about lack of service delivery at local level, and I think therefore all in this House will agree with me that we would like to see the

best people possible make themselves available as councillors or candidates for council membership. But Minister, as you know the position of councillor is very uncertain. There is no labour protection. One is elected for a term of only five years and as we have heard here earlier in this House, you imagine your whole life that you can be defamed, one's character assassinated and so on. It is not many people who see fit to let this be done to themselves, but as you also know, Minister, there is big difference in the remuneration between the so-called full-time and part-time councillors at local level, but the public does not expect of you to only be a part-time councillor. Many of you probably had been councillors previously. You know, you may be a part-time councillor on paper but in the end the public expects you to be on duty 24 hours, seven days of the week to look after their needs. What is more, in some communities it is expected of councillors to be of assistance with electricity purchases, the cost of funerals, transport to hospitals and so on, and we have often seen that it simply becomes unbearable for councillors to stay there within their own communities as is after all the ideal, to carry on living there, and then hon Speaker...
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: You need to wrap up, hon member Van der Westhuizen.

†Mnr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Dit is daarom 'n kommer vir my en daarom sal ek graag van die Minister wil vra om nog meer aandag te gee hoe kan ons die sterkte kandidate werf om uiteindelik hulle beskikbaar te stel vir byvoorbeeld die 2021 Verkiesing en daarna. Dankie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: It is therefore a worry to me and therefore I would like to ask the Minister to pay more attention to how we can recruit the strongest candidates to eventually make themselves available for example the 2021 Election and thereafter. Thank you.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Van der Westhuizen. I now recognise hon Bans.

†Me A P BANS: Dankie agb Speaker. Hierdie vraag is in geheel misplaas omdat die LUR vir Plaaslike Regering nie 'n indiensnemingburo is nie. Die LUR se taak is om raadslede op te lei, te ondersteun en ook daardie raadslede te verwyder wat hulle wangedra. Hy werf doodeenvoudig nie enige raadslede nie. Hulle word mos demokraties verkies. Die agbare lid Van der Westhuizen is nog nie lank met ons nie en hy ly aan verskeie illusies, soos toe hy gister beswaar maak het dat lede van die publiek in hierdie Wetgewer ook vrae aan departemente mag stel.

Verder word plaaslike regeringsverkiesings nie dieselfde tyd as provinsiale verkiesings gehou nie. Hoe hierdie LUR nou oor plaaslike regerings praat, is vreemd, aangesien hy geen mandaat het om dit te doen nie. Hy het nie 'n toesigrol nie en mag nie inmeng nie. Bo alles is dit 'n ou lieflingsvragie met soentjies en drukkies wat uitgedeel word. [Gelag.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Ms A P BANS: Thank you hon Speaker. This question is wholly misplaced as the MEC for Local Government is not a recruitment agency. The MEC's task is to train councillors, to support them, and also to remove those councillors who misbehave. He simply does not recruit any councillors. They have been elected democratically after all. The hon member Van der Westhuizen has not been with us for very long and he suffers from all kinds of illusions, like when yesterday he objected to members of the public in this Legislature putting questions to departments.

Furthermore local government elections are not held at the same time as provincial elections. How this MEC now talks about local governments is weird, as he has no mandate to do so. He has no oversight role and may not interfere. Above all it is a sweetheart question with kisses and squeezes being dished out. [Laughter.]

An HON MEMBER: Uh-huh.

†Me A P BANS: Knipoog maar gerus! Die agbare vraagsteller is duidelik nie tevrede met die omvang en gehalte van sy verteenwoordigers as kandidate nie. Miskien moet hy eerder by die DA se eie aansoekproses gaan beswaar maak teen die hordes kandidate wat daar aanklop bloot om 'n pos te kry. Dankie agb Speaker. [Applous.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Ms A P BANS: Wink if you like! The hon questioner is clearly not satisfied with the extent and quality of his representatives as candidates. Perhaps he should go and complain with the DA's own application process against the hordes of candidates who come knocking there simply to get a post. Thank you, hon Speaker. [Applause.]]

†Mnr P J MARAIS: Pragtige Afrikaans!

[Mr P J MARAIS: Beautiful Afrikaans!]

†n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member. Hon member Van der Westhuizen.

†Mnr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Mnr die Speaker, nee, nee, ek is dankbaar om te sien dat ons kreunende *sweetheart*-lid is terug in die Huis. [Gelag.] Ek dink dit is vir my jammer dat alle partye nie die erns van hierdie vraag besef nie, dat hulle nie besef hoe belangrik dit is dat ons die beste mense moet werf om uiteindelik in ons rade te dien nie, en ek glo daar is baie ook wat ons van hierdie kant af kan doen om uiteindelik te verseker dat meer mense hulle beskikbaar stel deur nie byvoorbeeld die karaktermoord op ou raadslede te pleeg wat ons vandag hier gesien het nie. Ons kan verder ook baie doen om te verseker dat raadslede en hul gesinne nie bedreig word in hulle gemeenskappe

nie, en die ironie is baie keer word daardie kwaad en verset teen stadsraadslede deur lede van ander politieke partye gestook. Dit is onbillik dat die kinders en die vrouens van raadslede geïntimideer word, dat kinders onveilig is wanneer hulle na hul skole toe wil gaan en so meer en dit is alles aspekte waar nie net die Minister nie, maar ook u as ons medelede in hierdie Huis 'n groot bydrae kan lewer om die lewe vir ons plaaslike regerings se verteenwoordigers makliker te maak. Ons wil uiteindelik die beste span in die veld kan stoot sodat die beste diens aan ons gemeenskappe gelewer kan word en dit is vir my jammer dat dit nie deur die Opposisie erken word nie. Dankie agb Speaker.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Mr Speaker, no, no, I am grateful to see that our groaning sweetheart member is back in the House. [Laughter.] I think it is a pity that all parties do not realise the seriousness of this question, that they do not realise how important it is that we recruit the best people to eventually serve in our councils, and I believe there is also much we can do from our side to ensure that more people make themselves available by for instance not commit character assassination on old councillors as we have seen here today. We can further do a lot to ensure that councillors and their families are not threatened in their communities, and the irony is often that evil and opposition to councillors are stoked by members of other political parties. It is unfair that the children and wives of councillors are intimidated, that children are unsafe when want to go to school and so on, and these are all aspects where not only the Minister but also you as our fellow members in this House can

make a big contribution to make the lives of our local government representatives easier. In the end we want to field the best team so that the best service can be delivered to our communities, and it is sad for me that it is not acknowledged by the Opposition. Thank you, hon Speaker.]

†Die SPEAKER: Baie dankie, hon member Van der Westhuizen. [The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Van der Westhuizen.] I now recognise the Premier, the hon, the Minister. You see, I want to give you again, hon Premier!

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Baie dankie agb Speaker en die agbare lede baie dankie vir u deelname aan die interpellasie. Die agbare lid Bans moet ek eers om verskoning vra, my interpretasie vir “hou jou mond” was sagter as “shut up”, maar sy was korrek gewees, dit is op Google Translate so.

Agb Speaker, dit is ’n belangrike vraag, ek dink as ons die vraag ’n bietjie anders kan stel is dat... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you hon Speaker and the hon members for your participation in the interpellation. I have to first apologise to hon member Bans, my interpretasie for “hou jou mond” was softer than “shut up”, but she was correct, it is like that on Google Translate.

Hon Speaker, it is an important question, I think if we can put the question somewhat differently it is ... [Interjection.]

†Me P Z LEKKER: Belangrike vrae!

[Ms P Z LEKKER: Important questions]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ...aan die einde van 25 jaar van demokrasie het ons nog nie aan die voorkant gekom van die grootste ewels van die samelewing nie, onder andere armoede, en die vraag vir my is eintlik die politieke dispensasie waaronder ons werk, wat moet daarbinne verander om vir ons beter leierskap te gee aan die einde van die dag. As Departement doen ons geweldig baie saam met ander departemente in opleiding, ons investeer geweldig baie in opleiding maar dit is ook moeilik vir raadslede om raadslid te wees en deel te neem aan die opleiding. Ons het ook die risiko van 'n vyf-jaar termyn besef en daarom noem ons die opleiding eintlik 'n sirkel van ontwikkeling, met ander woorde ons erken dat enige iemand wat die politieke veld betree kan van geen skoolopleiding hê tot doktorsgrade hê, so dit is 'n sirkel van ontwikkeling. Jy kan by enige plek by die sirkel inkom en jy kan na vier jaar as jy deur alles gaan kan jy uitloop met 'n graad so ons berei jou ook voor om 'n lewe buite die politiek te kan lei. Maar daar is geweldig druk en ek dink in 'n demokrasie het ons altyd gesê die kieser kry wat hulle verdien, so dit is 'n totale kopskuif dat ons moet stem vir mense wat werklik omgee en wat werklik 'n verskil kan maak in ons samelewing. Ek dink elke politieke party het hulle eie stelsel en sal hulle

eie reëls moet ontwikkel sodat ons geskikte mense kry om die publiek daar buite te dien. Baie dankie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... at the end of 25 years of democracy we are still not at the front of the greatest evils of our society, amongst others poverty, and the question for me is actually what should change within the political dispensation in which we work for us to provide better leadership at the end of the day. As Department we do a great deal with other departments in training, we invest a lot in training but it is also difficult for councillors to be councillors and participate in the training. We have also realised the risk of a five year term and therefore we call the training actually a circle of development, in other words we acknowledge that anyone who enters the political field can have from no school training to doctors degrees, so it is a circle of development. One can enter at any place in the circle and after four years, if you go through everything, one can walk out with a degree, so we also prepare you to live a life outside politics. But there is enormous pressure and I think in a democracy we have always said that the voters get what they deserve, so it is a total mindshift that we have to vote for people who really care and who can really make a difference in our society. I think every political party has its own system and will have to develop their own rules so that we can get suitable people to serve the public out there. Thank you.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Minister Bredell. That concludes the Interpellations, hon members. We are now moving to Questions for Oral Reply. I now recognise the Premier.

Questions for oral reply

Minister Cele: intergovernmental dispute

1. Ms P Z Lekker asked the Premier:

(a) What are the reasons for the intergovernmental dispute with Minister Cele, (b) how much is budgeted for the court action and (c) how will this action improve safety in the province?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon Speaker and thank you very much to the hon Chief Whip for the question.

(a) The reason for the intergovernmental dispute is the historic irrational resourcing methodology and model applied by SAPS which has resulted in chronic under resourcing of SAPS in the Western Cape, as was confirmed by, *inter alia*, the Public Service Commission's report too, and coupled with the comprehensive failure of Minister Bheki Cele to engage with us on these issues once they were raised with him, and as set out in my office's letters to Mr Cele, dated 10 October 2018 and 25 April 2019 – copies of

which can gladly be made available to the hon member should she want to read them.

- (b) The parties are currently engaged in an engagement and mediation process to see if the issue can be resolved, i.e. in a manner that does not involve court appearances, and it is only if this process fails to produce a result, that court action can and will be pursued. Our official at DoCS, along with Legal Services and the State Attorney, are now engaged in that process, and as such no budget allocation for litigation purposes has been necessary as yet.
- (c) The outcome we seek, either via mediation or engagement alternatively via a court of law, is that SAPS will produce and be held to the application of the National Resource Allocation Plan and Methodology for resourcing in this province; which model takes into account the current crime we face and the effects of the historical under resourcing and adopts a more holistic approach going forward, which will result in a more visible better resourced police force in this province and as a consequence a reduction in crime.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. Is there any follow-up question? None? Thank you, hon members. The next question is to the Minister of Community Safety. I recognise the Minister.

*CPF elections***2. Mr R I Allen asked the Minister of Community Safety:**

(a) What is the current level of readiness for the election of Community Policing Forums (CPFs) in September and (b) what support will his Department provide?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: †*Enkosi*. [Thank you.] Mr Speaker, the Annual General Meeting directives will be issued by me, the Minister of Community Safety, after concurrence by the Western Cape Provincial Commissioner of SAPS. The Minister – me – is required to do so in terms of Sections 19, 20 and 21 of the South African Police Act, Act 68 of 1995; read with Section 3(f) and 5 of the Western Cape Community Safety Act of 2013.

The directives and guidelines set out in the said document have been developed to guide the election process and to ensure that it is transparent and free and fair.

The Department consulted with the National Civilian Secretariat for the Police Service, the Independent Electoral Commission, the Provincial CPF Board and the Board Executive, and the SAPS Provincial Office, when drafting the directives.

Furthermore advertisements have been placed in 80 community newspapers, to announce the AGM process and to afford organisations the opportunity to register for the upcoming elective AGM's, as per the directives. A task team comprising members of the Western Cape SAPS Provincial Office, the Department of Community Safety – that is DoCS – has been established to oversee the election process and to see to it that all AGM's are compliant with the directives and a uniform Constitution for CPF's; the 2010 and general elections practices.

The DoCS officials that will assist with the meetings have been trained and are currently engaged with the local SAPS station commanders on suitable dates of the election.

The (b) part of the question: Yes, the Department will facilitate CPF board elections to minimise disputes that arise as a result of flawed procedures before and at these elections. There are [Inaudible.] DoCS officials who have been allocated to all local CPF areas in the Province. DoCS will facilitate the compilation and finalisation of the list of organisations and the voters roll and this will be provided to the SAPS station commanders in order for them to invite all these organisations to the AGM. And I want to add, we will also have a kind of quality assurance process around those invitations, because we do not want station commanders to invite selectively who they wish to, so we will have some kind of thing. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. I now recognise any member who

has a supplementary question. Thank you. Hon Marais?

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you, which Marais, sorry?

The SPEAKER: Oh, hon member P Marais.

Mr P J MARAIS: P? [Interjections.] Sorry, ... family member. [Laughter.]

Hon Minister, the question I want to ask you, the police forum what have you got in mind to make them more relevant?

An HON MEMBER: Relevant?

Mr P J MARAIS: People are struggling at police stations to compile affidavits to bring cases for women abuse, etcetera. They do not get a sympathetic ear sometimes. How can the police forums be trained to do that function; help with the compilation of an affidavit, or help with advice for rape victims and then accompany these people who have complaints to the police station to make sure they get the proper attention?

The SPEAKER: Hon member Marais, will you please take your seat? There is a point of order. Is that a point of order, hon member Mitchell?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): It is just that I need to understand, Mr Speaker, what the channel is for Afrikaans, because I would really like to

hear the contribution in Afrikaans.

Mr P J MARAIS: There is no answer for stupidity, Mr Speaker. [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Mr Speaker, that is unparliamentary ...
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, order, hon members.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): ... and I have a right to listen to the
contribution in the language of my choice, and I want to hear it in Afrikaans.
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Afrikaans is Channel number 2. [Interjections.] Channel
number 2, and English is Channel number 6 and isiXhosa is Channel number
4.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Are you picking it up, hon member? Unless they changed it
last night.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Yes, I am now picking it up.

The SPEAKER: Alright, thank you.

Mr P J MARAIS: Sir, I think we also need to make sure of the calibre of the MP's, not only Local Government, to prepare them for the elections next year. [Interjections.] Mr Speaker, can I continue ...

The SPEAKER: I recognise you, hon member Peter Marais to continue.

Mr P J MARAIS: Yes. I just want to know what is the Minister doing – and I know you are very energetic in completing your tasks – and what can we do to empower police forums; that they can play a more substantial role in assisting the communities?

The SPEAKER: I recognise the hon Minister; thank you, hon member Marais.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, Mr Speaker, and I think thank you to the hon member Marais for that question, because I think it's a very-very good question in my opinion, and I think one of the issues is exactly that, that we are busy empowering. I just want to make this comment that 98% of CPF's at police station level get that kind of support; get all sorts of funding for that. I think it is the higher levels, Board level, where there is a bit of a breakdown in the kind of cooperation, but I want to say remember it is very clear in terms of the law, clear functions for CPF's.

They are the link between communities and the police, and I think we really need to make that channel of communication far more open, work through training – I think it is an excellent idea. Remember we have our civil servants

doing affidavits at police stations on a voluntary basis. They can really empower some of the Community Police Forum people to start training them so the police can go do policing outside; boots on the ground type of thing, and I really would like to take that up and see how we can implement that in a very practical way to what you suggested. Thank you, hon member Marais.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you, Minister.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Is there a point of order, Chief Whip?

An HON MEMBER: A question.

The SPEAKER: Alright, I have got a number of follow-ups. Initially there was none. [Laughs.] Maybe the Minister said something that made members want to follow up – and obviously hon member Peter Marais. I have got hon member Kama, hon member Christians and then the Chief Whip. I am sure the Chief Whip can negotiate with hon member Allen; but let me recognise now the hon member Kama.

Mr M KAMA: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker, and thank you MEC for the reply. What I want to understand, Mr Speaker, is, are there any measures, for the lack of a better word, to ensure that there is an election when the term lapses, so that there is not a period like now of three months where we are told that CPF's cannot participate in there? Because I think the idea of

having this, and us agreeing that the component of community participating in safety, in fighting crime is very important.

So are there measures in place to ensure that continuously, when the term is about to end, an election is held? Thank you, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Kama. I recognise ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: [Inaudible.] must answer.

The SPEAKER: Ja, my apologies. [Laughter.] Remember, hon Minister, there was none earlier. [Laughter.] I recognise the Minister, thank you.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, Mr Speaker, and you hon member Kama, for that. The whole issue around elections – remember it expires now September. But the period September, October, November, because of the many kind of station level Community Police Forums, therefore it is spread, we are trying to finish it, we will try hard to finish it by end of September and October, end of October, and if needs be, we will go into November, but I think that is a very good point. They are still functioning, but their term will end and by law, not by my design, by law; I just carry out the law as it is, you know, Mr Kama, hon member Kama. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. I now recognise hon member

Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Just a question. We heard over a period of time that there is a lot of fights within Police Community Forums.

Now their job is to ensure the effectiveness of the police, the accountability, but also to look at safety problems. What is the Minister ensuring, his Department ensuring, that we have people there that will serve in the interests of the community to solve crime? Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Christians. I recognise the Minister.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Again a very-very constructive question. I think one of the issues that we've built in now is also the issue of vetting and therefore people must get onto the voters roll so that – because we have found, hon member Christians, that there were a number of people with criminal records, serious criminal records in many of the CPF's - that will now help to get people really vetted; also people instead of working with the police they work with the gangs; so just to get that out.

So I must say we have a unit that is really working very-very hard and making sure of that, and making sure that the stuff is accredited, and I am talking about even the processes, through the IEC, with SAPS, that everyone

is on board, so thank you very much for the question.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. I recognise hon member Allen.

Mr R I ALLEN: Thank you. Hon Minister, the CPF's have been operating under interim regulations for the last approximately 15 years. Has the Minister, the National Minister made any formal regulations regarding the functioning of CPF's?

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Allen. I recognise the Minister.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, Mr Speaker. We are still constantly talking around it and I must say there is a whole lot of progress. I think in 2010, remember we did not have one committee that the DoCS chaired in this province on the priority, and remember CPF's and all of that forms part of that, the priority committees. We now chair three of those committees.

So I think that is part of that, all the time good cooperation, and getting cooperation, working cooperation with the police, with the provincial police services, but also the national police services. So thank you for that question again.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. The next question is by hon member Allen to the hon Minister of Arts, Cultural Affairs and Sport. Now

the Minister is hon A Marais.

Netball World Cup: 2023

3. Mr R I Allen asked the Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

Whether her Department will play a key role in the Netball World Cup in 2023; if not, why not; if so, what is currently being done in preparation for this role?

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Baie dankie agb lid Allen vir die vraag. Die Netbalwêreldbeker in 2023 gaan die grootste vrouesportbyeenkoms ter wêreld wees wat op Afrika-bodem aangebied word, en is ook die eerste vir Afrika.

Kaapstad gaan as die gasheerstad optree vir die geleentheid. Die poging om die Netbalwêreldbeker aan te bied was 'n samewerkingspoging van die Stad Kaapstad, Netbal Suid-Afrika, die Nasionale- en Provinsiale Regering en in hierdie geval die Wes-Kaap Regering.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you, hon member Allen for the question. The Netball World Cup in 2023 will be the largest womens sports event to be hosted in Africa, and is also a first for

Africa.

Cape Town will be the host city for the event. The effort to host the Netball World Cup was a joint effort of the City of Cape Town, Netball South Africa, the National and Provincial Governments and in this case the Western Cape Government.]

†'n AGB LID: Mooi ja!

[An HON MEMBER: Good, yes!]

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Die Departement van Kultuursake en Sport het 'n instrumentele rol gespeel in die voorbereiding van die bod wat ingedien is vir die aanbidding van die netbalskouspel in Singapoer in November 2018. Die bod het baie toewyding van al die regeringsdepartemente behels om dit wat Kaapstad aan die wêreld kan lewer aan te bied.

Die bod het ons wêreldklasfasiliteite, infrastruktuur en kundigheid in die aanbied van groot internasionale byeenkomste op dieselfde manier ten toon gestel as wat ons die Sokker Wêreldbeker in 2010 suksesvol aangebied het.

Die Departement van Kultuursake en Sport gaan 'n sleutelrol speel in die aanbidding van die Netbalwêreldbeker. Die Departement gaan die geleentheid gebruik om onder meer vrouesport te bevorder en om die profiel van netbal te verhoog. Sy gaan ook help met die operasionele en logistieke vereistes van

die Wêreldbeker. Die finale verduideliking van die spesifieke rol wat die Departement moet vervul gaan in die volgende periode voor die Netbalwêreldbeker in 2023 uitgespel en bepaal word. Dankie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport has played an instrumental role in the preparation of the bid that was submitted for the hosting of the netball spectacle in Singapore in November 2018. The bid required a lot of commitment of all the Government departments to host that which Cape Town can offer to the world.

The bid showcased our world class facilities, infrastructure and expertise in hosting large international events in the same manner as we successfully hosted the Soccer World Cup in 2010.

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport will be playing a key role in the hosting of the Netball World Cup. The Department is going to use the opportunity to promote womens sports amongst other things and to increase the profile of netball. It is also going to assist in the operational and logistical requirements of the World Cup. The final explanation of the specific role that the Department has to fulfil will be spelt out and determined in the next period before the Netball World Cup in 2023. Thank you.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Hon member Allen, hon member Kama and hon member Christians; in that order.

Mr R I ALLEN: Thank you. Thank you to the hon Minister. If you can briefly give your view with regard to the three spheres of government working together in order to secure this, and how you see that, the benefit of Government working together across all three spheres of government?

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Baie dankie. In hierdie geval het die Stad Kaapstad, nasionaal en provinsiale regerings baie goed saamgewerk om die Wêreldbeker vir ons te verseker; soos ons nou gesê het in 2023, en ek dink die voordeel daarvan is dat ons, as ons op verskillende vlakke van regering of sferes van regering kan saamwerk, kan ons nasiebou verseker; ons kan definitief alle diverse kulture byeenbring en dan ook wys dat ons, al verskil ons in politiek en kultuur, kan saamwerk om iets groots vir Suid-Afrika en spesifiek vir die Stad Kaapstad teweeg te bring.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you. In this instance the City of Cape Town, national and provincial governments have cooperated very well to secure the World Cup for us; as we have said just now in 2023, and I think the benefit of that is that we, if we can cooperate at different levels of government or spheres of government, that we can ensure

nation building; we can surely bring together all people even if we differ in politics and culture, can work together to create something magnificent for South Africa and specifically for the City of Cape Town.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. I recognise hon member Kama.

Mr M KAMA: Thank you, Mr Speaker. What will the Department do to ensure that the legacy of this World Cup will not only be seen through business people who will make profits, but actually through the eyes of the netball players themselves? Even in different communities, because we have heard I think even the Netball Federation in the Western Cape complaining about facilities and that there already is a proposal that they are going to have temporary courts for the World Cup.

So it means that that is not a permanent thing, but we would love to see where there are new courts that are built so that we see young people in Mitchells Plain playing netball, having facilities to play after the World Cup. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Kama. I recognise the hon Minister.

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Baie dankie. Ons het reeds van die wêreldklasfasiliteite in die Stad Kaapstad gevestig, en ons brei dit uit en ons het ook reeds netbalbane – en dit is nie tydelike netbalbane nie - in Bredasdorp, Mosselbaai, Hartenbos en Malmesbury gebou en gevestig, en

ons beplan om dit verder uit te rol sodat ons vrouesport, veral ons netbalsport, uitgebrei word tot in die verste uithoeke van die Wes-Kaap.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you. We have already established some of the world class facilities in Cape Town and we are expanding it and we have already built and established netball courts – and these are not temporary netball courts - in Bredasdorp, Mossel Bay, Hartenbos and Malmesbury, and we are planning to roll it out further so that our womens sports, especially our netball sport, can be expanded to the furthest corners of the Western Cape.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Christians and then hon member Marais; hon member Peter Marais. He will be the last one.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Speaker, I am next. You said I am next, so Kama ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: No, you are on the platform now.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: No problem. Mr Speaker, it is a major event. Did the Minister and the Department draw up a projected budget and also are they speaking to the safety issues? Because we want an influx of people, but people want to come if they know there are safety plans.

So, did the Department communicate about the projected budget and also the safety of the tourists that will come to the country?

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon members Christians. The Minister.

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Baie dankie. In ons aanbod het ons spesifiek die begroting aangespreek, sowel as die veiligheidskwessies, en toe ons nou onlangs in Liverpool was vir die Wêreldbeker-toernooi daar, was daar spesifiek gevra oor die veiligheidsaspekte. Ons het dit aangespreek en het ons ook 'n plan uitgelê vir hoe ons dit gaan benader na 2023 toe, en ook tydens die Wêreldbeker.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you. In our bid we have specifically addressed the budget, as well as the safety issues, and when recently we were in Liverpool for the World Cup tournament, they were specifically asked about the safety aspects. We have addressed it and we have also laid out a plan on how we are going to approach it up to 2023, and also during the World Cup.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. I recognise hon member P Marais.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you very much, hon Minister. I want to just plant an

idea with you on the netball issue. We have very changing weather patterns and I have had requests. Our municipal halls stand there as white elephants; people do not use it anymore because we watch television.

Can you assist in helping, through the municipalities, to create indoor netball facilities? The halls are big enough and the girls want to play inside under cover, so even if it rains they can practice inside these halls. You do not need a big court. I want you to consider it. I have told them I will bring it to Parliament. Indoor netball, indoor 5's a-side soccer, for the municipal halls in Black and Coloured areas that stand there as white elephants, nobody uses them anymore.

Sorry for the term "white" sir, but I have heard of black-listed so I do not think it is a problem. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: [Laughs.] Thank you, hon member. [Interjections.] I recognise the hon Minister.

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Baie dankie, agb lid Marais. Dit is in ons gesprek met die Stad Kaapstad en met die verskillende munisipaliteite, maar soos u weet fasiliteite is 'n primêre munisipale verantwoordelikheid, maar ons is in gesprek om dit aan te spreek. Dankie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you, hon

member Marais. We are in discussion with the City of Cape Town and with the various municipalities, but as you know facilities are a primary municipal responsibility, but we are in discussion to address that. Thank you.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. That concludes this question. We will now go to Question number 5. Hon member Mvimbi is aware of number 4; we dealt with this. The Chief Whip dealt with that earlier. The Chief Whip of the Opposition. I recognise you, madam.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I am rising, Maybe I want to put it as a point of privilege. During the members' induction in 2014 we were told that in the House we may not wear party political regalia. I am bringing this to your attention because hon member Maseko is wearing either a dress or a skirt, but she has got a party political regalia. Can you rule on it, Mr Speaker? Thank you. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Thank you, hon the Chief Whip of the Opposition. I recognise the Chief Whip.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Mr Speaker, you will be well aware that hon member Maseko was representing the DA at the NCOP, in which members were asked to wear party regalia as part of the event, and she has come directly from there, and as you can see she has made an attempt by wearing her WCPP jacket to rectify the situation, but given that that event from the other side was delayed, I think that we should be understanding in this

regard. [Interjections.]

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: She cannot take it off!

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Chief Whip for that explanation. What I want to state here for the hon members for the record, in response to the point of order raised by ...[Interjections.] Order, hon members. Hon members, order.

I will make this exception given this explanation, but I would like to ask the hon members to help the Presiding Officers to preside in an environment where we do not make it difficult to have a smooth operation of the House. It is correct that hon members should not wear party regalia in here, and because of the sitting which I agreed to the NCOP because they said to us it is the same day today as we sit here. The other members have submitted apologies, because they could not be here on time, and therefore they are not present here today. If another member were to arrive here in the same environment, I would give the same ruling.

So I would like the House to accept my plea and my humble request that it is an exception to the rule, given the circumstances that have been raised by the Chief Whip. Am I getting the House approval in that regard? Hon Chief Whip of the Opposition?

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Mr Speaker. May I address you precisely on this point? I am worried that your request will lead us into unprecedented

behaviour by members of this House.

If I go to any event, party-political or Parliament, I must have a spare set of clothing, because when I come here I know what is expected of me as a member.

Now I really want to accept your ruling, but I find it difficult because we all know that when we come here we just cannot wear party-political outfits. There is the EFF, they wear red. Some of the members of the DA were blue, I wear green sometimes, but it just cannot be acceptable, Mr Speaker. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon the Chief Whip of the Opposition. I recognise the Chief Whip.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Mr Speaker, is it even visible?

An HON MEMBER: No.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): It is the lower part of her outfit that is behind the bench that is not visible.

So I do not really understand what the issue is, and then is the Chief Whip of

the Opposition asking that our member be removed from the Chamber ...
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): ... as a result? Is that the request? [Interjections.]
Just to get clarity, because, if that is so then that is your decision to make
then. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: May I request – remember [Interjections.] I am really at
pains to say this: when rules are made they are made to be adhered to, and if
there is something that we all agree upon and there is something that makes
us believe that there is – by any means, wilfully or otherwise, one of the
rules is being infringed upon.

So I am going to request that determination be done by the Chief Whip of the
Official Opposition and the Chief Whip, and if you want to discuss this
further, because it is a dicey one for the Presiding Officer here. Please, Chief
Whip, allow me to conclude this.

The situation now is as is and you have asked the question to the Chief Whip
of the Opposition; whether she would like the member to leave, whether the
Speaker must make that ruling. Hon the Chief Whip, what is your expression?

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, I would have a different proposal and

that is for hon member Maseko to cover or get a ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Or take it off.

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... or to get a *lappie* or something to cover the skirt. I cannot really say she must leave the House, but she must find something to cover everything that is partly political. Thank you. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon the Chief Whip of the Opposition. Hon Chief Whip?

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): If I may? Exactly which Rule says that this is not permissible? [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Is it not about Rules, we were told here during the induction.

The SPEAKER: Now you are making it difficult.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): What we are debating now.

The SPEAKER: Hon Chief Whip, there is a convention. Can I please be allowed to preside? There is a convention and I am now not allowing any further debate on this matter. There is a convention and the convention is that we must come here in a way that respects the decorum of the House, and that

our dress code must be consistent with that understanding, that there is a particular decorum. I cannot point to a particular Rule and say this Rule says you must dress in white, this Rule you must dress in red – but I think in this case your question is clear, hon Chief Whip. The request is not for hon member to leave. It is just for the hon member to cover what she can. Are we happy that the hon member has covered?

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The SPEAKER: It seems the hon member she is now fine. May we now proceed? Hon Minister Fernandez?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, Mr Speaker. In terms of reflection, the hon member Lekker is indeed correct about the convention because there was a day when she came in with an ANC logo and she covered it up very quickly and we continued and proceeded.

So I think you are being fair with the cover up [Inaudible.] then. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member Fernandez. [Interjections.] Hon members, thank you. Order! [Interjections.] We now move on to Question 5 asked by hon P Marran to the Minister of Transport and Public Works. Am I correct?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Yes

The SPEAKER: Yes, and I recognise the Minister.

Rural safety plan

5. Mr P Marran asked the Minister of Community Safety:

Whether there is a Rural Safety Plan for the province; if not, when will it be developed; if so, why was R5 million disbursed to district municipalities to develop such a plan?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, Mr Speaker. In the absence of the hon member Marran, yes, there is a national rural safety plan which was drafted by the South African Police Services, as well as a provincial response to the national rural safety plan.

The provincial response plan is being updated due to the nature and escalation of the frequency of attacks on rural communities. I want to emphasise it is attacks on everyone. No, this is not just a response to farmers being attacked; everyone. Ordinary workers on farms and in rural communities also. And it is also mindful of the devastating effect that such attacks have on food security and the Western Cape economy.

Under the leadership of Mr Ivan Meyer we have agreed with the key role-players on the establishment of an Inter-Ministerial Committee on Rural Safety as well as a Technical Committee on Rural Safety, which will be

linked to the existing structures of the joint operations and intelligence forums within the criminal justice cluster departments; most noticeably SAPS, the NPA, Correctional Services and the State Security Agency.

R5 million was transferred to the district municipalities as part of an envisaged safety improvement plan, including but not exclusively rural safety, because it also deals with those towns as rural towns. The money is transferred in support of specific deliverables and are aligned to the safety strategy of the Province, and in particular for each district municipality to develop, through a prescribed process of broad consultations on policing needs and priorities, a safety plan at municipal level to establish a district safety forum inclusive of the criminal justice cluster departments, and that includes the NPA, Correctional Services, Home Affairs, Justice and SAPS; and lastly to create capacity at district level to deal with the evolving crime patterns and risk.

Rural safety is an integral part of safety within all our districts, with specific focus on those most vulnerable, such as unemployed youth, farmworkers, people living in areas which are far remote for emergency services, often with little or no reliable channels of communication.

The funds which were transferred to the district municipalities last year are going forward and are guided by specific conditions and requirements.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Are there any hon members? I

recognise hon member Peter Marais, followed by hon member Kama.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Hon Minister, in the light of the fact that we have not yet appointed a Provincial Police Commissioner, how effective is your plan? Because your plan must go via the Provincial Commissioner to the National Commissioner, to the National Police Minister, and you have not, you broke the chain of command by not appointing a Provincial Police Commissioner. How is this affecting the finalisation of your strategy?

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: I am so happy to announce and to inform the hon member, Mr P Marais, that we have systems in place. So systems do not evolve around individuals, and what is very good, I must say, hon member P Marais, the acting General Mfazi is really ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, will you please talk to the Speaker?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Excuse me, Mr Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Will you please talk through the Speaker.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Oh.

An HON MEMBER: Address the Speaker.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: But ja, but I am just looking at him, I am speaking to you ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Do not do that. [Laughter.] I do not want a fist fight here. [Laughter.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Okay, no, thanks, Mr Speaker.

Ja, let me look at the Speaker, but, hon member Marais, I am speaking to you. [Interjections.] [Laughter.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: The Provincial Commissioner, General Mfazi, is really a person with a lot of energy and wanting to get things done, and he is working very well with us, so we are very happy that that chain, the chain of command has not broken, it is there, and we hope to appoint the Provincial Commissioner for the Province very soon.

Mr C M DUGMORE: You? We?

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Ja, “we”, hon member, you heard right, “we”.

An HON MEMBER: In concurrence.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister, thank you for doing that. I recognise hon member Kama, followed by hon member Van der Westhuizen.

Mr M KAMA: Thank you, Mr Speaker. In the Committee last week we got a briefing from the Department on its programme on PMP's. One of the challenges that the Department listed was that in developing the safety plans, the lack of mechanisms to ensure that the PMP's find expression in those safety plans that are created in the municipalities.

Now the question would be what is the Department or the Minister doing to ensure that we develop these mechanisms? Because I fear a situation where we put in money and we realise that in turn it does not address what we have identified in our PMP's. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Kama. Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I want to give the hon member the assurance that in fact we are, from where we stand the PMP's are the most important kind of consultative programme with people on the ground, to inform our safety plans.

So I want to give you that assurance that we will get those mechanisms right. Unfortunately, as you know, sometimes in departments people work for 100 years in a department; they sometimes cannot think beyond some certain level. So we will get it right. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. I recognise hon member Van der Westhuizen.

†Mnr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Agb Speaker, deur u aan die Minister. Minister, die Staande Komitee op Landbou, Omgewingsake en Ontwikkelingsbeplanning het twee weke gelede verneem dat daar 'n konsep landelike veiligheidsplan is wat opgestel is deur die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisie diens, maar dat hierdie plan so gebrekkig is, so swak is dat dit eintlik 'n genade is dat dit nog nie op nasionale vlak deur die polisiebestuur goedgekeur is nie.

Het u al insae in hierdie plan kon kry? En deel u daardie sentiment dat daardie plan aansienlike hersiening nodig het voordat dit hopelik later deur die polisiebestuur aanvaar sal word?

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Hon Speaker, through you to the Minister. Minister, the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning heard two weeks ago that there is a draft

rural safety plan that was drawn up by the South African Police Services, but that this plan is so deficient, so poor that it is only a blessing that it has not yet been approved at national level by the police management.

Have you managed to get insight into this plan? And do you share that sentiment that that plan requires considerable revision before it is hopefully approved by the police management later?]

[The Deputy Speaker takes the Chair.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Hon Deputy Speaker ...
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see you, hon Minister.

†Die MINISTER VAN GEMEENSKAPSVEILIGHEID: Agb Adjunkspeaker, ja, ek wil net vir die agb lid Andricus sê dat dit is presies die doel van die Tegniese Komitee wat gedryf word deur die Landboudepartement, en ook met die Veiligheidsdepartement, die Departement van Gemeenskapsveiligheid, om juis te kyk na daardie tekortkominge in daardie nasionale plan, maar ook om iets te ontwikkel wat uniek is in hierdie provinsie, en ek dink dit is inderdaad een van die hoofdoele van hulle punt van die program.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Hon Deputy Speaker, yes, I just want to say to the hon member Andricus that that is precisely the goal of the Technical Committee that is driven by the Department of Agriculture, and also with the Safety Department, the Department of Community Safety, to look at specifically those shortcomings in the national plan, but also to develop something that is unique in this province, and I think it is indeed one of the main goals of their point of the programme.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. I think we have one more question relating to the Minister? No? Okay, thank you. Then – sorry, hon member?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker, I would just like to ask the MEC: in regard to the recent tragic murder that happened in Stellenbosch, which has to do with the issue of rural safety, is he aware of correspondence sent by the deceased to both Premier Zille as well as MEC Bredell, requesting that fencing be provided at that particular property?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: No, I am not aware.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, we are moving on to the next question. I think we are moving on to Question 7. Question? Sorry, I recognise the Chief Whip.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I neglected to

inform the House that the question to Minister Meyer will stand over with the concurrence of hon member Marran.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken, thank you. So Question 7 is correct. I see the hon Minister.

[Question 6 standing over.]

Marikana informal settlement: service delivery

7. Mr A Lili asked the Minister of Human Settlements:

Whether any progress has been made in improving service delivery in the Marikana informal settlement by installing high-mast lights, by providing water and sanitation and by opening up roads; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker and Mr Lili. The landowner has instituted legal proceedings for the eviction of the illegal occupants.

In terms of the Court's ruling the City of Cape Town was required to provide basic services. The City is appealing the Court's decision and the matter is currently with the Supreme Court under litigation, but meanwhile the City has provided the settlement with the following services:

- 376 container toilets;
- 840 portable flush toilets; and
- 146 taps.
- The City has also installed one mast light.

Delays in the installation of the remaining four lights has occurred due to the willingness of the occupants to relocate from the road reserve to elsewhere within the settlement in order for the lighting to be installed.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I recognise you, hon member. Sorry, just before you go on, I am looking for hon member Lili, but he is not here, so I am going to then – because I normally give precedence to the person who posed the question - see you hon member Marais.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I want to ask the Minister if this is now going to be the standard for all informal settlements, or whether every week we will have to bring a different informal settlement that needs lights? Is this going to be a general policy, or is he just putting ointment on one sore and not on the rash? Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you, hon member Marais. Although the question was actually supposed to be answered by the

City of Cape Town, I saw it fit to actually answer the hon member and give him the proper details, so I do not believe this will be a norm. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any follow-ups? No? Hon member Marais?

Mr P J MARAIS: Hon Deputy Speaker, we expect to have a Cabinet, and a Cabinet takes decisions as a Cabinet, and they come here fully prepared because they get direction from the Leader of the Cabinet. I do not know why he cannot answer the question.

An HON MEMBER: Is that a point of order or ...[Interjections.]

Mr P J MARAIS: What is the policy? Are you going to put these high masts at all informal settlements to protect people? Or is it only this one that you would consider? That is the question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Simmers?

†Die MINISTER VAN MENSLIKE NEDERSETTINGS: Agb lid Marais, ek gaan maar in Afrikaans verduidelik en antwoord, dan verstaan jy my dalk 'n bietjie beter.

Eerstens die konteks van hierdie vraag is vir die Stad Kaapstad. Ek het hierdie informasie by die Stad Kaapstad verkry, so ek beantwoord die vraag eintlik, want hierdie is 'n plaaslike regeringsfeer saak, want die area waarna

die lid verwys, Marikana, val onder die Stad Kaapstad.

Wat die tendens is in die Stad Kaapstad is waar hulle kan, doen hulle dit; so ek gee vir u 'n antwoord gebaseer op wat die Stad Kaapstad doen. Ek dink dit is meer opsigtelik wat ek nou tans gedoen het. Dankie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Hon member Marais, I think I am going to explain and reply in Afrikaans, then perhaps you will understand me better.

Firstly, the context for this question is for the City of Cape Town. I received this information from the City of Cape Town, so I am actually answering the question, because this a local government sphere matter, because the area to which the member refers to, Marikana, falls under the City of Cape Town.

What the trend is in the City of Cape Town is that where they can, they do it; so I am giving you an answer based on what the City of Cape Town is doing. I think it is more obvious what I have just done. Thank you.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Yes, I see you, hon member.

Mr M XEGO: Thank you. hon Deputy Speaker. I do not think the question of hon member Marais has been answered. It is very simple. [Interjection.] The

Minister was asked if it is going to be done in all the municipalities in the province, and he is side-stepping it and telling us about the City of Cape Town. Is the plan going to be done in the whole province? The province is not the City of Cape Town.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member. It is not for me to make sure that Ministers answer questions to the degree you think you want to hear, but I am going to give an opportunity again for the Minister to respond to the question asked again.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Hon Deputy Speaker, I cannot tell Local Government spheres how to handle the informal settlements. There are informal settlements across the province which deal with their informal settlements differently. It depends on the policy that they have in place. I will encourage the hon member to actually empower himself and get a copy of all 30 bylaws and policies of councils. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is another opportunity. I see you, hon member Sayed.

Mr M K SAYED: Hon Deputy Speaker, thank you. Can the Provincial Minister then please tell us what is his role in terms of oversight ...
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Mmm.

Mr M K SAYED: ... because it seems as if the manner in which he is answering that particular question, he is saying municipalities must do as they please, and he is not going to have anything to say about that. Surely Human Settlements informs and gives guidance to municipalities in terms of how to handle housing issues?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Simmers?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Hon Deputy Speaker, I will advise the hon member to familiarise himself with the norms and standards, and then he can ask that question again, because I believe he needs to equip himself with how Local Government works. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] That is the end of that question. We move on to Question 8. Hon Minister Fritz?

*Safety Partnerships, Court Watching Briefs
and Safety Promotion programmes*

8. Mr M Kama asked the Minister of Community Safety:

Whether the following subprogrammes: Safety Partnerships, Court Watching Briefs and Safety Promotion have had any impact on the prevention of crime and the improvement of the safety of the residents

in communities where gangs are active; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker, and ... [Interjections.] If we can get some attention in the House?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: May I continue?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, please.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you to the hon Kama for the question, and I think it is one of those very interesting questions, because I think Watching Briefs must be used far more and can really be effective.

The sub-programme, Safety Partnership, contributed significantly to the prevention of crime and the improvement of safety in communities through the creation of more than 1,000 temporary work opportunities to youth in communities through the Extended Public Works Programme.

In addition, a total of 581 youth from vulnerable communities graduated from the Chrysalis Academy last year alone. All these graduates were placed in a work opportunity for 12 months.

The Department partnered with 225 religious organisations to keep young children off the streets during the June and December school holidays. A total of 25 526 youth and young children were reached in 41 areas in the province. The sub-programme also manages the agreement with the City of Cape Town to improve safety at 52 priority schools.

So you will see a question to the Minister of Education later where we will see those totals, the total number of School Resource Officers. We give 52 of those to the Department.

The Department funds 16 priority schools, and through this agreement, two School Resource Officers are placed at schools to improve safety for learners. I can also say right now we have in a number of schools about 150 young unemployed youth that were just hanging around at home. They are now safety ambassadors to augment and to support teachers in overcrowded classes in schools in Manenberg, in Mitchells Plain, in Nyanga and in Khayelitsha.

The sub-programme is responsible for community engagements through which the Department engages and partners with communities on issues of safety. Some of the recent events held were, amongst others, a workshop in Athlone for the Extended Public Youth workers; meeting with Neighbourhood Watch structures and religious organisations, and Women's Month events we had in Tulbagh and in Mitchells Plain, where hon member Allen really entertained the women in a very-very proactive way. [Laughter.]

The Court Watching Briefs aim to contribute to the monitoring of police conduct as well as overseeing the effectiveness and efficiency of police services as per Section 206(3)(a) and (b) of the Constitution. The outcome is to contribute to a more professional police service. The methodology is to report on serious criminal cases that have been scrapped from the court roll as a result of SAPS inefficiencies. The courts observed include areas where gangs are active. Having a more professional police will lead to more effective and efficient investigations in gang areas which will result in more gang members and criminals being removed from streets and thereby creating safer communities.

I just want to say there is a case this morning, we read all in the papers, of the 57-year old man who allegedly raped a baby of, I think, 14 months. Now on that case we are going to take out a Watching Brief, because that man was released on – sorry, the case was withdrawn owing to a lack of evidence. Now that is one of those typical cases that we need to take out a Watching Brief, to make sure that there are no other issues around in that case.

In the previous financial year the Court Watching Brief Programme dealt with 3,269 matters in 37 courts across the province. The reports are submitted to SAPS on a quarterly basis and corrective action is taken by SAPS management and I must say to you the NPA really works very-very well with us, because they can see the problems around investigations and the quality of the information in the docket. So it is a very-very good programme. Thank you, hon member Kama.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Kama?

Mr M KAMA: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker, and thank you to the MEC for the answer. From the onset, hon Deputy Speaker, I want to also agree in terms of the Court Watching Briefs. What I want to understand then, hon Deputy Speaker, in terms of the other safety partnerships that we have, what mechanisms are in place – because I do not want the Department to be viewed now as an employment agency. We cannot claim that we have recruited so many people and therefore we are making an impact on crime. I want to check what mechanisms are there, because our impact should be measured on the change in the crime scene. Now what impacts are there to ensure, to measure the partnerships and the impact they have on the crime scene? Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Minister Fritz?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: I hate to always give this hon member a compliment, but that is an excellent question. I think when we talk about the type of the questions, we also want to see how does what the hon member is asking feed into the broader issue around the crime and the safety narrative. I want to say, hon member Kama, remember our point of departure is the Provincial Safety Plan; then we break into regions, into districts, and then from district even right down to the ward.

So when a councillor phones me to say something happened, what is your

safety plan, now in that ward and in the region we have all these different mechanisms feeding into making it a safe environment, and now let me give you a practical example.

I am going to give two practical examples. The one was – remember the long weekend of the 9th when all these middle-class people came back from their holiday homes and they drove over Sir Lowry's Pass and as they came down there was huge congestion of the traffic and cars were stoned. There was a dispute over a piece of land. We then had a meeting and we tried to find out why were people's cars stoned? We were assisted by a group of ordinary mediators, ordinary men and women on that day, like the CPF Chairperson on the other side, in Grabouw. They came over the mountain to assist and we set up a mediation group.

We also looked at the policing part of that and I think that is the question the hon member is asking, and I can tell you since those interventions – but I want to emphasise we had to go to the community that was throwing the stones, we came, spoke to them - it stopped right up to today, since the weekend of the 9th.

So that is one, it is called the N2. We are now going to try and extend that right to the airport; working with those communities along the N2. At the moment it is right up to Macassar; we want to take it right down to Borchers Quarry. I think someone asked something about Borchers Quarry last week – right to the bottom.

The second example I just want to use, about four weeks ago we had very-very big issues at Malibu High. Now I just want to show the way we work in a collaborative way with our partners, the hon member Debbie Schäfer next to me. When we went in with the SGB, with the surrounding community's Neighbourhood Watches; with the CPF, all of them, going into the school, because there were people running around with knives and we discovered that the systems were not in; the Department got it, but it was not implemented. There is also a safety officer appointed at that school. I can tell you my colleague, Wade Seal, went in, did a whole lot of the mediation and the way that whole programme was turned around, it is just very-very interesting.

So I want to, hon member Kama, just say, hon Deputy Speaker, it is all those pockets of interventions that I cannot mention here, that we are not even aware of; where communities really become part of the solution. It is not us doing anything for the community but us, with the community, trying to get to solutions. I just want to make that point, thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Fritz, I see the ACDP.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. The Minister mentioned there are 37 Court Watching Briefs. I want to know is there going to be extension rollout to other communities where it is needed, and when do the Court Watching Briefs leave the case? Do they follow it to conviction? Do they get conviction rates? How does that work? Because you put in resources, you want some results. How do they work when it comes to

convictions and those type of things? Thank you.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you. I think again a very good question, and I hate to say to the Opposition these are good questions [Laughter.], but I think that is your point.

Mr P J MARAIS: The [Inaudible.] guys are on this side.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, hon member Marais. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: So I just want to say that is almost the purpose of the briefs – where you are not capable of getting a conviction, but the success rate of the Watching Briefs is something like 85%. It is a very high success rate, and if I say “success rate”, I do not think one wants to crucify and convict people who are not guilty.

It is already throughout. Some of those advocates drive right down to Beaufort West – hon member Mitchell would really appreciate that – to deal

with that case of that rape and murder of that young woman in Beaufort West, so that will happen.

We must extend and expand but we do not want to create a parallel justice system, but I want to say at this point we are working well with the NPA. Thank you, hon member Christians.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon member Nkondlo, and then I see the DA after that.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: The Minister must first answer my question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Sorry?

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Just first – because the Minister did not get the first part of the question. 37 Watching Briefs, the extension, where is it going to extend to needy communities where it is needed?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Yes. I want to say we really want to make sure that every community gets that assistance. It is not certain communities. Let me give you a practical example. There was a murder in Kensington, in Factreton, about three, four years ago. The mother is really still very-very traumatised about it, and these are working class people who cannot afford lawyers. They have gone to the police station and they did not get the kind of support that they are supposed to get. Yesterday we took out a

Watching Brief on that case.

We want to extend to all our communities, and specifically where people cannot afford legal representation, to see that justice is served, and that parents can get closure for children who are killed in crime. So thank you very much for the question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Nkondlo and then hon member Mackenzie.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. MEC, you are on fire today, I can see. [Interjections.]

With regard to the three programmes that the MEC is referring to and the positive success rate, how do communities get into the programmes, because I see you are saying here the programme is in communities where gangs are active? How do you identify those communities and how do they get into the programme?

I am specifically asking this, hon Deputy Speaker, because this morning I saw on *e.tv*, two women from Bonteheuwel speaking on the effects, whether the impact of the army has worked in that community. One of the things they were raising was the fact that they are running programmes on their own which Government does not support. Secondly, politicians are not even there, in the programme. Part of what is realising change in those communities are

activities that are done by communities themselves.

So if you talk about safety partnerships, I am not sure this is happening in Bonteheuwel and if so why are such communities not feeling it? Lastly, MEC, in Gugulethu, for example, there is a serious problem of school kids between the ages of 8 till 15 that are smoking dagga and fighting amongst themselves.

So I am trying to understand where is this programme or how do people access the programme? Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Nkondlo. Yes, Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker and thank you, hon member Nkondlo, for the question. Bonteheuwel is a very contested area. But I will just give you some stats. Remember since the deployment of those unemployed young men and women who were trained into law enforcement, since that deployment into the area and I think it is about – it is now about almost two months – there was only one death. Now to say only one death sounds so horrible but genuinely it used to be 46 for the preceding months, one death. Now we must also, as the Department of Community Safety, start with ourselves, our own structures and have faith, as the hon Kama will inform you that the Neighbourhood Watches are our first priority to work with in those programmes. And I have recently launched a

uniform kind of approach of Neighbourhood Watch where they all wear the same kind of uniform – so when you are in Beaufort West and you see a guy walk down the road with that type of regalia, you know it is a Neighbourhood Watch guy. When you go into Worcester, you will see three people walking with those regalia – they are Neighbourhood Watch guys. It was successfully launched.

That is our first group of own people that we need to work with and we urge other people who work in the safety space to join up. I know the two ladies very well, as Cameron Dugmore will tell you, they are former comrades of mine ... [Interjections.] but now they have their own contestation, they have their own contestation around the space in Bontehuwel. But we would still urge to work with everyone who is working in that space.

The second one is now CPFs, to work with our CPFs and again, that is our problem, it is our own – and I am saying to extend that even to work with some of our ratepayers and civic associations.

Remember in the 80's in the height of times when we were resisting the apartheid government, that you had strong civic organisations and gangsters were gone because they are cowards. When we are organised and strongly organised in civic formations, gangsters are cowards, they disappear. And I think what we are trying to do here, again is to use the kind of statutory legitimate structures to work through. Unfortunately we cannot fund, we are not other departments like the Social Development who fund NPOs. We can

only fund those organisations that are in terms of the law that we have to work with. But we will, all the time, work with everyone as long as we have a safety kind of objective, a safety point of departure to make sure every single person safe, from the old lady in the home who is 82 years old to the young child of 6 years old, to the youth who have unfortunately been becoming a gangster, and we must save him from becoming a gangster and we must really give him an opportunity so that he can become just an amazing young person with his APP and developing a new APP in Bonteheuwel or in Hanover Park. Because it is not just in Constantia where people have brains, everywhere people have brains. So I think that is the point I want to make, but thanks for that question.

Just to clarify, statutory organisations are our first priority and unfortunately we have a very small budget. I have come to ask for some, what they call in Afrikaans “kanala” money’, you know *kanala* money, a little bit extra. The hon member at the back will tell you, but we have not received anything from the hon member there at the back. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thanks hon Minister. Hon member Mackenzie, final question.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Thank you, hon Minister for the feedback on the Watching Briefs Programme. Hon Minister, if you can just share with us the process, and I know that member Christians talked about the expansion of the programme. For example, we were in

Laingsburg the last two days and there was a very heart-breaking case of a member of the public that raised the matter on a case that just seemed to be going nowhere and I think the members of the committee and the members in that cluster have raised that this matter should have been part of the Watching Briefs.

What is the process and how do we inform communities, particularly in the outlying areas like Laingsburg, and I am sure if we go further there are many more of these cases that are going to come up, on the Watching Briefs so that they can get closure and feedback with what is happening with their cases? Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, hon Mackenzie. I am also heartened to say we have very young dynamic constituency heads on all sides of the House and I really want to urge constitutional heads in small places like Beaufort West, like Laingsburg, like Kannaland, †God-verlate plek, [God-forsaken place,] Kannaland, to ask them, when they pick up these cases, hon Deputy Speaker, that they really become the channel and a voice in a way, not from a soup kitchen type of mentality, but from an empowering mentality to us, so that we can act on it. I have had a case already from – and we did not take out a Watching Brief on it but it was another type of case - the hon Deidre Baartman in a place called Laingsburg, where we drive when we go to Johannesburg.

So I want to say, I want to urge all members of all sides of the House, where we also find young people who are just about to go off the track, refer them to us. I know Social Development also helps but refer them also to us to see whether one cannot take them and put them into programmes. I want to say Minister Lindiwe Zulu said she could not make it to the Chrysalis graduation, so she sent a very senior DDG, Deputy Director General, and they were so blown away with the Chrysalis Programme that they are now looking at how they can work with us for the end of the year youth camps because normally it is a waste of money but how it can be used to get ALL our children, and I want to emphasise this, ALL our children. Not this side, blue or green or red or I do not know what colour, orange ... [Laughter.] but all our children because Government must work for everyone. And when we work for everyone and respect everyone's dignity, I think we are going to move forward and stop this crime. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. We move onto Question 9. I see the hon Minister Schäfer.

Peace and law-enforcement officers at schools under threat

9. Mr M K Sayed asked the Minister of Education:

With regard to the Premier's announcement in the State of the Province Address (SOPA) that the Government has deployed, in collaboration

with the City, peace officers and law-enforcement officers at schools in communities under threat:

(a) How many officers have been deployed and (b) at which affected schools?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker and thank you, hon member Sayed for the question. The only law enforcement officers at schools that we have permanently stationed are the School Resource Officers which is in conjunction with the Department of Community Safety and the City of Cape Town and we have 108 of these resource officers at 52 schools. Owing to security reasons we do not divulge the names of the schools.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any follow-ups? Hon member Sayed?

Mr M K SAYED: Hon Deputy Speaker, thank you very much for the response, hon MEC. Just for clarity, these peace officers which you mentioned now, are these the same peace officers which the Department failed to deploy in the last few years? Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I did not say peace officers, I think I said law enforcement officers which are trained by the City of Cape Town,

specifically to work in schools. So I am not aware of peace officers that we have not used.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the ACDP. Yes, hon member.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I just want to know these School Resource Officers, basically in the Metro – yesterday or the day before we were in Laingsburg. Laingsburg High School has been broken into on numerous occasions. We went to the police station yesterday, they also have a shortage of police stations. So how can we assist the schools in the rural areas with safety because this is, I think in partnership with the City of Cape Town, but I am talking about municipalities outside where they are struggling and Laingsburg, they are vandalised on a regular basis and you know it is not conducive for our learners to be taught there. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Christians. Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you for that question. Yes, it is one I ask constantly within my Department and within the Department of Community Safety. Unfortunately the DoCS role is only to pay for some of the SROs. But the only way we are able to do this is because of the City of Cape Town's pro-active approach in ensuring that these law enforcement officers are trained specifically to work in our schools. Now obviously because Laingsburg is not a metro, they do not have Metro Police and the same kind of law enforcement capacity as the City of Cape Town has. So the

only way we could do it, is if other municipalities did something similar. But my understanding is, after having asked that question many times, is that they are not able to, they do not have that kind of capacity or budget.

So it is a concern for me but because of the Metro Police, the City of Cape Town having that approach and having that really pro-active drive and a pretty big budget, they are able to assist us in that regard. So we have to look for other solutions for the rural communities and any ideas in that regard will be much appreciated because I am kind of running out of them. We are talking about the possibilities of Neighbourhood Watches maybe being involved in that space and I think that is something we can look at. We are going to be piloting in Khayelitsha shortly, a Neighbourhood Watch model that DoCS has developed and if that works, it may well be something we could roll out to rural communities.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. I see the hon Marais. I see you afterwards, hon member Sayed.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I have a problem with the schools which you are closing, hon Minister. They have become headquarters for gangs. They are being occupied by gangsters, they are vandalised, there is no security there. I can take you to Elsies River and show you some schools. This is a threat to the community also and I think if Mr Mackenzie listens he might one day become a politician ... [Interjections].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Marais.

Mr P J MARAIS: We are ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Marais, if you could just take your seat. I see the Chief Whip.

Mr P J MARAIS: She is always on her feet.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: But that is her job. [Interjections.]. It is her job hon Marais.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I would just like to ask your guidance, this sounds very much like a new question to me?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It certainly does. Hon member Marais, you are not actually asking any follow-ups to the question printed on the Question Paper.

Mr PA J MARAIS: I refer you to the question itself. It says 'peace officers and law enforcement officers at schools in communities under threat'. These empty schools are situated amongst communities under threat. [Interjections.]. Right! So it is a valid question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Well you know what, hon Marais, thank you very much for the question. I am going to leave it up to the Minister if she chooses

to answer that, because it is really cleverly, politically put and I am not going to comment on whether she sees that as a new question or not. Thank you hon Marais, Hon Minister I see you.

Mr P J MARAIS: Can I ask my question then?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, you have asked your question. [Interjections.].

Mr P J MARAIS: No, they objected to it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, but I am ... [Interjections.] – hon Marais I heard your question – I am going to pose it to the Minister. [Interjections.].

Mr P J MARAIS: Okay. Hon Minister, if you cannot answer I am sure the media will tell the people ... [Laughter.] [Interjections.].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. I recognise you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you. May I answer? Whether I should answer or may answer is a different story but I am actually happy to answer because your statement as usual is incorrect. I have only closed one school in the Metro and that is Uitsig which has taken four years in court, which we had to spend a lot of money for and the reason why we closed it had largely to do with the issues of gangsterism in that area in the community who completely and utterly vandalised the school.

So they are not schools under threat and we certainly would not put SROs at empty schools because we are there to try and protect our learners and our teachers. So I am not constantly closing schools. I have closed, as I said one in the Metro in my entire term of office and ... [Interjections.] – well my predecessor is not me so – and those schools are certainly not schools where we would put SROs. Because it is a school property it must be looked after by Public Works but we are not going to put human beings there because they are needed for protecting our teachers and our learners at the schools.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Hon member Sayed, I see you.

Mr M K SAYED: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker and thank you hon Minister for the responses and thank you to our good friend, the former Premier, for shedding some more light, particularly with regard to the communities that we have been visiting in terms of the schools. What was the criteria for selecting the affected communities and schools, seeing that well after the announcement was made, we still witnessed many learners being attacked and weapons being brought onto the school premises? So what was the criteria for selecting the schools in the particular communities for these safety officers to be deployed? Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you. They were actually done quite

some time ago and it was done in consultation with DoCS taking into account the figures of incidents that had been reported by the different schools. So we look at the statistics from Safe Schools and I think they also worked on the police statistics and as a result of that they determined which were the highest risk schools and at the time, and that is where we deployed them. We would like to deploy more at other places because there are others that need it but we have not been able to with the relevant budget.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. That is the end of Questions for Oral Reply. Outstanding replies will be printed in the Hansard. We now move over to Questions to the Premier without Notice in terms of Rule 204. I recognise the hon member Herron.

Mr B N HERRON: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. At the Premier's reply to the State of the Province debate, he made a commitment to unblock Tafelberg for affordable housing and that is obviously something that we welcome, but I would like to ask the hon Premier, through you Deputy Speaker, what actions or steps he has taken to implement this commitment? Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much and thank you to the hon member for the question. Yes, I did commit to it and Cabinet has had a briefing as you are well aware. It is involved in litigation and of course what I do not want to see is litigation stretched out for the next ten years or so. So our legal team is busy working with the legal teams on it at the moment and I have not got

any finality on it but we are working to try and find a solution and not ten years' worth of extended litigation.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. Hon Herron?

Mr B N HERRON: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker and thank you hon Premier for that reply. It is very encouraging, but it does not really tell me much. Are you suggesting that you are seeking a settlement of the litigation?

The PREMIER: I am not saying I want to seek a settlement but I want to try and find a solution and obviously we have to weigh up all possibilities when that gets brought before Cabinet to make that decision.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Your final?

Mr B N HERRON: Thank you. Do I get another one?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You have done two. Sorry hon Herron.

Mr B N HERRON: I have done ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You have done one question plus one, so it is one more.

Mr B N HERRON: Is that it? Thank you. Sorry.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is one more. For a moment you got me confused. No problem.

Mr B N HERRON: I will learn the Rules. This is only the fourth sitting of the House. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. The – now I have lost my question – the matter is in litigation, yes, and the solution is either that the matter is settled and the review is agreed – the Province cedes its decision and reviews and sets aside the previous Cabinet decision. So, the Premier is not really assisting us in taking this matter forward. If you say you are going to unblock Tafelberg, the expectation is that will be made for affordable housing because it was within that context, so you have your legal team speaking to their legal team about what?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: I think as the hon member knows, and he is of legal training as well, that it is actually probably very unfortunate for me to stand here and make some predicament on it. I need those teams to be able to talk to each other and come back with something that we can have a discussion in Cabinet on, that is how Government needs to work and once that has been – and I have said I am seeking a solution. We will look for a solution but we have to also apply our minds to whatever comes back to us, so you know I have to wait for that report to come back to us so I can take it to Cabinet for that discussion, to find a solution, because as I said, right in the beginning, I do not want to have protracted, long legal battles when we actually have an asset

that is deteriorating while this is happening. We need to find a solution as quickly as possible and we will have to apply our minds when those legal teams come back with whatever they can come up with.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. I see the hon Baartman.

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, thank you. To the Premier, I would like to ask, what has his main achievements been in the first 100 days of him being in office? Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much for that question hon member. Obviously in your first 100 days and one in politics always has this thing called 'a hundred days' and so I suppose it is there purposely to try and get you to exercise your mind, put pressure on the system, make sure that you get those processes and those promises and those manifesto items imbedded in government.

So I think first of all, post being elected we have held the *Bosberaad*, we have taken the manifesto to the teams, we have got the lead Ministers with those various themes as announced here from jobs to human empowerment to safety, to cultural, to culture of the organisation etc etc and those plans are almost at finality. In actual fact tomorrow we have reporting back of the lead Ministers for those plans, which then become imbedded into the plans of this

Government for the next five years with the targets that we need to meet. So, a lot of work has happened between the manifesto and the *Bosberaad* and now.

I think one thing, specifically, that is very encouraging is to see the kind of new thinking that is coming in, really pushing the boundaries so that we come up with something that really takes us to the next level. Of course in these first 100 days we have also done many other things. I have attended three day lagotlas at a national level, we have had PCCs and PCFs. We have had MINMAYs, we have had speed dating sessions where the Cabinet has met every single one of these municipalities, a Local Government initiative that really has been amazing, where we can say that each Cabinet member and head of department has had an engagement with every single municipality. When I reported that to the President at the PCC he was very, very interested in it and we have just put a report together to send to him to say, this is how we did it and what we did.

And then of course there are the other things like landing or getting agreement with the Cabinet that we have finalised the idea of having the audit of setting a benchmark of where we are financially, as individuals, that lifestyle audit and very happy that that has been agreed to. It is actually out on tender at the moment, and hopefully that service provider is put in place very, very soon so that we can be – I see there is some competition we have got in this province, from another province, Premier Sauls, but I think we are ahead of him at the moment and will be the first province to have lifestyle

audits in place. We have signed off on our own Provincial Handbook. I see the President has withdrawn the National Handbook for review again, which I think is good. So our Handbook is signed off.

Then perhaps let's talk about things like next week, when we will have the second 'First Thursdays', where we really are pushing hard to have open transparent government, available government, people can just walk in. At the last 'First Thursdays', 800 issues, ideas and questions were lodged and are being processed and dealt with through all of the departments, and we will hopefully have that again this Thursday coming, next week, which is going to be a themed Thursday on 'film', but obviously anything from red tape to whatever issues, anybody from the public can raise their issues.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. Hon Member Baartman?

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Mr Premier, considering that next month is Tourism Month, and the contribution that tourism currently makes in the Western Cape to the economy and to jobs, what have you done in your first 100 days, in terms of these initial achievements that you have mentioned, to help ensure the sustained increase in the tourism figures in our province, and what would your predictions be for the tourism season coming up?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: I think obviously the tourism sector, you are right it is a very important sector in our economy, 300 000 jobs and it has been put under pressure of late, specifically I think with regard to the drought. We just managed to get out of that crisis, not totally in our province, obviously there are parts of our province that are still very, very seriously under pressure with the drought. But I think the main tourism areas are now out of the woods there, but now we have got the safety issue, which is front and centre. It is front and centre because of two reasons. I think anytime something happens in the tourism space, and the very unfortunate incident that happened on the mountain not so long ago gets amplified around the world.

But also I think because this Government is focusing on safety, we are putting out the murder numbers on a Monday. That has a big impact because it gets taken up in the news bulletins, in our newspapers, on our televisions and then gets replicated in international media. That also runs at a risk, so we have had two engagements with the consul generals and the ambassadors. One general engagement, where safety was spoken about but yesterday we actually had a focused engagement with the consul generals. We invited them to come along and we spoke about the safety plans that we are putting in place. We spoke about our specific focus on providing services when tourists, specifically, or business tourists, are mugged and lose their passports, right down to accidents and worst tragedies, and how our teams step in. These were teams we put in place during the World Cup and they are still operating. They step in immediately to help because of course, as I said in the beginning, this is a very important sector and then I think the last part of

your question was around the projections.

If I have a look at the projections and obviously if you need more detail, you actually need to focus this in with the Minister of Economic Opportunities, but we think we are looking at 2,5 to 5% potential growth in tourism. I think the sort of project that I was most proud of in the last five years was the Airlift project and we are still seeing unbelievable growth in that space. We have got the 15th flight coming in now at the end of the year, New York-Cape Town.

I was in a meeting today with the Italian Ambassador Consul General and a visiting Minister and again, the question was brought up, what about connectivity from Italy, looking at tourism and what about a direct flight to Cape Town? So it obviously is one of those things that keeps the momentum and those are exciting parts about this key component of growth and jobs in our province. And I suppose the two big job creators which we have been focusing on for the last while are tourism on the one side, 300 000 jobs, and agriculture and agri-processing on the other side, with another 300 000 jobs.

The one thing about tourism is you can ramp it up way quicker. Agriculture is a much longer term investment, it takes a while to get crops in, it takes a while to get orchards in, whereas with tourism, if you get the numbers you can jump them very, very quickly and of course I think we need to. I welcome the change in some of the visa regimes that we have now seen from the National Government's side. A number of countries are now able to come

without visas which really, really does help, and also the commitment to follow-on with making it easier to get here from a visa point of view. All of those bode well I think for tourism growth into the future for the region.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thanks hon Premier. Final follow-up, member Baartman?

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. The Premier mentioned his next 'First Thursdays' theme is going to be 'film' and he also spoke about the risk of the drought and the risk of security in the Western Cape to tourism. I just want to find out, what message would you have for the youth, especially in rural communities where they are struggling with the drought, where they are struggling with the issue of safety.

For example, we were in Laingsburg recently with an oversight visit in Matjiesfontein and I walked past youth who were busy making a film there in the area and they were getting funding and doing fundraising for that as well. So what message would you have to encourage others, that despite the drought and despite the safety, please help us increase the tourism sector? Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Absolutely and of course, the reason that those sectors are chosen and supported is because they are the job absorbing sectors and so my

advice to any young person is, understanding your own talents, understanding your own abilities, make sure that you are looking to the future, to an area that is going to be easier to get a job. And then of course add, if you can, tech.

I actually had the opportunity to see a short video clip that the colleague next to you, Ms Gillion showed me earlier today which was a video clip of a young guy that you interviewed in one of our Access Centres. When you listen to a young guy like that, it is really encouraging, someone who gives up his Saturdays to help young people with a future, that is really exciting.

I mentioned to him, when I was in Klaarstroom the other day and I saw the Access Centre, walked in and a similar young person was there busy helping two young ladies do applications online to be part of the Premier Pay Project, because they had completed their matric and were looking for an opportunity open to them and they were busy filling in their forms and that was really, really great to see.

So those kinds of centres really offer real opportunities for young people. Make use of those centres and also talk to us if there is not one in your area. Make sure that you are speaking to anybody in this House to say, please can we be next on the list for one of those centres or other opportunities. The one thing I think in South Africa, we have to be dynamic, we have to be able to change quickly and we have to do things that create opportunity. If we keep things that do not work, well let us cut them down and let us put that money

to something else. We cannot carry on doing the same thing that we have just kept on doing year after year. We are now into the sixth term of over 25 years into our new democracy, the highest youth unemployment rate in the world. We cannot accept that. We have got to bring in new opportunities and change and so that would be my message to young people, make sure that you use those opportunities that are given to you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the hon member van der Westhuizen.

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Through you to the Premier. Mr Premier, given (a) that the Constitution of South Africa enshrines in Chapter 3, Section 41, the three spheres of government, and I am quoting:

“In the Republic government is constituted as national, provincial and local spheres of government which are distinctive, interdependent and inter-related.”

and (b) given that the power stipulated as per Chapter 6, dealing with the legislative authority of provinces – taking that into account, are the powers of provinces being curtailed or eroded? Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: Okay. Thank you very much for that question. When you ask, “are the powers being curtailed?” I straight away think about policing and we are trying to push the boundaries on policing. Our job is oversight.

I will never forget, in the debate the hon Marais saying, “provinces have just about no powers; we can do abattoirs and...” well, quite frankly we cannot accept that. We have got to push boundaries and go even further. I think about our own mandate and what we have done in the last while. We have put our own legislation in place around education, to improve education outcomes and to make sure that we follow through with that mandate.

We have done exactly the same thing with Community Safety. We are the only province with an Act in Community Safety, which actually outlines new areas, but I think we need to go further than that. But I think your question about curtailing, at the same time as we want to push the boundaries on policing, there is policing legislation that definitely is trying to curtail policing in this country. They are talking about one single force – it is called the Blue Police Force. One single police force.

Now, if we cannot get resources allocated to us in this province; if we have high crime levels in this province and we have an ineffective police force; it is something that I just cannot get in my mind to say well, actually what we must do is, we must stop the law enforcement at local government level. We must take control of the Metro policing; we must actually manage everything to do with policing from a national level.

Quite frankly I think that is definitely going in the wrong direction and that is trying to curtail our provincial powers. We need to fight that as hard as we can. It is definitely not going to make this country safer.

I cannot believe we are the only province that is freaking out, screaming and shouting and I am only going to talk about the murder rate – I mean the rape rate is even worse, but the murder rate – and we are screaming and shouting about it. Last year, 2018, in the Western Cape we had 3 600 murders.

I mean that is unbelievable. It is unacceptable. It cannot be. But in Gauteng they had 4 300; in KZN, they had 4 600. Huh!?! These are murders in South Africa. This policing force that is supposed to be dealing with the most serious of crimes and now they want to curtail our powers in our province. I am not sure why the other provinces are not freaking out as well, because they should be, because we cannot curtail these powers.

So, I also think about one other thing which is not about curtailing our powers, but something that is having a huge effect on us and we have got a slow-growth economy, bordering on recession, year after year, because of policies and management and SOE's and all the rest of the National Government's woes and now what is happening is, we are actually curtailing our services because it is having massive budgetary implications for us as a province.

The Minister of Finance here, is having to come up with all sorts of fancy

footwork to try and get us as much as we can, so that we can actually minimise those cuts, but at the moment as we stand here, we have got some very severe cuts that every single one of these departments are going to have to be faced with. And what happens when you cut? You cut frontline services. That is just what happens, and it puts huge pressure on us.

So, ja, I think legislatively, curtailment within the constitutional framework, but actually also from a policy point of view we are being curtailed because those bad policy decisions are having a massive effect on the economy of our country which is really knocking onto every single facet of society.

†‘n AGB LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Premier. Hon Van der Westhuizen?

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Taking into account what the Premier has just said, how can we counter that? How can the powers of provinces, and specifically the Western Cape, then be bolstered and ensuring that also this Parliament plays a far more significant role? Thank you.

An HON MEMBER: Go and get votes!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: We have already won the votes and we have already won the power in this province, but I think – and it is a very interesting question. So I think, first of all, my first part of the answer will be that is exactly why I am building a relationship with Premier David Makhura. That is exactly why I am doing it, because we need provinces to start working together.

We need provinces – and I mean specifically Gauteng, they are facing exactly the same problem that we have. Sometimes even exacerbated, if you think about pressure on Education and Health in those provinces. So, we find commonality immediately in ... [Interjections.] public transport. Does the hon member want to ask me something?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, hon Premier. You can continue.

The PREMIER: So, we can immediately see that when it comes to train systems, public transport and devolution of public transport from a national level, so that PRASA, whether it be in Gauteng or PRASA being in the Western Cape, actually gets devolved down to provincial and local governments. So, that is really, really important. So the first thing is, how do we work together with other provinces?

Perhaps, further to your question, how do we in this House, and our Standing Committees utilise, not only the Standing Committees differently in how we get out to highlight these issues, but also I think we have got to actually have a look at how we even use the National Council of Provinces differently.

The NCOP is a real critical part of our system and actually gets the National Council of Provinces to also be much more aggressive in how they are helping us change people's lives in this region. I think that is also really important.

So yes, definitely, what the Executive can do, and I also think, maybe the last point is, how we use our amendments and how we build relationships through those platforms; how we build partnerships with like-minded MEC's in other provinces, and with our Ministers, and you know, get people to move beyond the politics to making a difference to the people.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. Any follow-up, hon member?

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Mr Premier, a number of years ago the responsibility for our technical colleges, now called TVET colleges, was for example, transferred from provincial competency to that now of the National Department for Higher Education and Training – recently the word “science” has been added there as well.

So it seems to me as if there is a definite agenda from the National Central Government to try and erode this position. Now you have shared with us some of your ideas in terms of how to counter that. My question is just, what more can we do to try and use, within the existing legislation, to try and see

how provinces can take what I believe would be their rightful role? Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: So, I think first of all, not all FET colleges were transferred and that is why we specifically, when I held the portfolio and now, Minister Meyer, we did not want Elsenburg to go to National. Of course there is always that pressure to actually take it away, but we really resisted, and I think we did it well.

Exactly in answer to the previous question, working in partnership in other provinces, convincing the Minister of Agriculture that this was not a good idea, and in the best interests of agriculture, moving the agricultural colleges to higher education and we managed to sort of stave that off and I think it was the right thing to do, because it does help us create the competition. That also helps create the excellence.

I think further on, when you decide what you want to challenge, you cannot challenge everything. So if I think about the FET colleges, I think about artisanal skills, I think about our universities. I think first of all we need to continue with good relationships with our universities.

Yesterday I had a short interview with a student from Stellenbosch who actually wrote a scathing letter against myself and Minister Albert Fritz, on

what we are doing around safety, because she is a student studying political science and criminology and so instead of writing an answer to her letter, I said, well, come and have a cup of coffee. And it was really interesting. I mean we picked up some really good stuff and we need to say, well how do we engage more with our universities?

We have got a specific platform that Government engages and universities in this region come together. Check. We use them. We use them in research capabilities, etcetera, but I think we also need to up that engagement a bit more because there are really great skills and knowledge and I think sometimes those two are too far apart. But lastly, and I think something that we really are working on – we have been working on artisanal skills; on making sure of the relationship between business and Government or should we say skills; FET colleges and businesses in the practical space actually drifted apart in the last 25 years.

I think one big mistake we made was where we would say that the apprenticeship system would go away. Now, we have been actively re-encouraging that apprenticeship system. 35 000 is the target which should be coming up quite soon, of young apprentices actually going into businesses as part of their training.

We need to push that a lot more and what the Minister of Education is looking at now is how we start that earlier, that dual system. So that at school level you are already getting to make that decision, where you split,

and I think that maybe even link to the previous question about how do young people see a future; that we actually start making those decisions earlier on. We compete around the world with some of these real leading nations in the economy and in innovation and that is what they are doing. The percentage of young people that end up going to university versus going into vocational training is totally skewed.

They have very sort of small levels going initially into universities. Most people go through some kind of vocational training that starts at school level. We need to learn from those processes and our Minister of Education is busy with that. I think it links to STEMA but it really is about how we change things. As I said earlier, we have the highest youth unemployment rate in the world in our country.

We have to do things differently and we have got to start with young people at schools and if they can start learning a trade in a vocational pathway at 13 and 14 rather than waiting for matric and then going in that direction, I think that is exactly the way to go. I think hopefully we will be able to showcase that in our systems very shortly.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. That is the end of Questions to the Premier. We now move over to Statements by Members. I recognise the DA, hon member Allen.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr R I ALLEN (DA): Hon Deputy Speaker, yesterday, 28 August 2019, the South African Police Service via its official Twitter Account announced a joint oversight visit by the Portfolio Committees on Police and Defence and Military Veterans, to some of the communities in the Western Cape where SANDF troops have been deployed. They made the announcement using the hashtag #OperationLockDown.

The Standing Committee on Community Safety received that invitation on 27 August 2019, at eleven minutes past four, which is the day before the actual oversight meeting. This letter was dated 23 August. However, it was only signed off on 27 August by the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Police, the hon Tina Joemat-Pettersen.

History confirms that the hon Joemat-Pettersen is no stranger to controversy and the blatant disregard displayed in the “after-thought-invitation”, confirms that instead of #OperationLockDown, the ANC is hell-bent on #OperationLockOut when it comes to supporting the DA in the Western Cape. The DA-led Western Cape Government has proven itself as an enabling partner in making this province a safer space for everyone. It has upheld its constitutional obligations in a united form, because it understands that safety is everyone’s responsibility. We thus call on the Opposition to join hands and disband this #OperationLockOut. Safety is everyone’s business and we have no time to politic. Thank you.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the ANC. Thank you member Nkondlo.

Ms N D NKONDLO (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker, there are too little women owning and taking part in our economy and the DA does not care about correcting this gender inequality.

The PREMIER: That is not true.

Ms N D NKONDLO: The DA does not even care that it does not have a representative ratio of women in leadership and other areas. In fact, the DA is totally silent on women empowerment. Instead, leaders like former Premier Helen Zille made fun of women in legislatures and thought they were just seat warmers.

But in this month, National Women's Month, we need a clear stance on this particular matter from the DA as a governing party in the province. In the Western Cape we have too little women in management and in business in general. Especially in the wine industry, there are very few women participating in the industry. We need real owners beyond just the brand owners, but we know this Government is not women-friendly and it does not have a women-friendly budget and clearly it does not regard women as equals that should be empowered to take up their positions next to other people in

society. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member. I see the EFF.

Mr M XEGO (EFF): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I rise on behalf of the EFF to acknowledge the role that is being played by the Khayelitsha Development Forum in proposing its crime intervention initiative. The initiative called “Uyabonwa”, envisages the instalment of CCTV cameras in crime hotspot areas around Khayelitsha.

We therefore note this initiative serves as a stellar example of the role played by communities in combating crime. The EFF notes that the National and Provincial Government should be playing a significant role in assisting that this initiative goes forward, despite the challenges that are experienced.

Our people have been dying like flies in the townships for years, while the most practical and progressive inputs on how to combat crime that have been made by various stakeholders have fallen on deaf ears. We therefore call on Government at a provincial level to support this initiative wholeheartedly.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. I recognise the DA. Hon member Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA (DA): Hon Deputy Speaker, hon members of this House, as the sun sets and the curtain is drawn on celebrating Women’s Day and

Women's Month 2019, Mr Abuse will still be lingering in the dark. We have seen during this month the highlights of women successes, the resilience portrayed by many women. Women being carried by other women and even women being praised by men.

However, hon Deputy Speaker, the abuse perpetrators are still men. Cases of men being abused by women are still few. The abuser comes in different forms. They come dressed in suits, dressed in overalls, dressed in shorts and T-shirts, in name brands like Giorgio Armani, Gucci and La Coste. Some come even dressed in their †“Help-my-sterk-lyk-hempies”. [“Help me look strong shirts.”]

Abusers are often well educated and hold professional jobs. A recent survey by the South African Council of Educators around teachers' misconduct for sexual abuse against learners per province is as follows:

- Eastern Cape, 19%;
- Northern Cape, 20%;
- KwaZulu Natal, 16%;
- Gauteng, 17%;
- Free State, 27%;
- Limpopo, 24%;
- Mpumalanga, 30% and
- Western Cape, 5%.

And in the Western Cape, it is 5% too high. Abusers have also mastered becoming the abuser. For some of them it is a topic around the braai, as to who holds the trophy for doing it best. It is absolutely appalling.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we have to condemn abuse 365 days a year. We also have to start naming and shaming for who they are, for to abuse is a criminal offence. Hon Deputy Speaker, the worst form of abuse is the emotional kind, no physical scars are left to be seen, but the perpetrators know how to break down inch by inch, piece by piece, until the victim has no sense of self-worth and are then manipulated like a piece of putty.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Finish off, hon member.

Ms L J BOTHA: Hon Deputy Speaker, abusers are mainly men and Deputy Speaker in an Afrikaans saying, †“’n Man is ‘n bok en ‘n bok is ‘n bliksem”. [A man is a *bok* and a *bok* is a bastard.] I thank you. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Oh really!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. I recognise hon member Herron. [Interjections.]

Mr B N HERRON (GOOD): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. At the last sitting of this Parliament, the Minister of Education, hon Schäfer, expressed confusion about the difference between double and triple.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: No, you were confused.

Mr B N HERRON: ...and she asked me to explain the difference. So, here is a simple lesson in maths:

- A property of 17 hectares of land was offered to the City of Cape Town for R88 million.
- City professionals said this was over-valued and the City owned larger parcels of vacant land, already reserved for housing nearby.
- The City elected not to buy this property at R88 million.
- The “agent” for the owner, came back with a lower offer of R58 million.
- This was still according to the City experts, more than double the value of recent sales in the area.
- The City said “no”.
- The Provincial Government bought the land anyway.
- MEC Madikizela was correct when he said the City had investigated the land.
- It is true. The land acquisition officials determined that R58 million was more than double the real value.
- The Province ignored that advice and last week MEC Simmers confirmed that the Province had paid R64,6 million for some of the land, not all of it.
- In fact, some critical servitude portions of the land are still to be acquired.

- So, if R58 million is more than double the market value, then I trust that MEC Schäfer can understand that R88 million must be triple the market value.
- And, I am happy to share this evidence with her if she needs it.

An HON MEMBER: Thanks.

Mr B N HERRON: More concerning, hon Deputy Speaker, is that 5 hectares of the 17 hectares they bought is not developable, because it is in a floodplain. So, this means that the Province has paid R5,4 million per developable hectare instead of R2,3 million per developable hectare, which is the price of the City's nearby recent acquisition at Annandale.

So, for the Minister's clarification, this is more than double the market price. In fact it is 2,4 times the price, but the House should take note that no-one will answer why they did not use the free land that was offered to them at Potsdam. At zero cost for Potsdam, the price of Doornbach is, mathematically speaking, infinitely more expensive. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please finish off.

Mr B N HERRON: Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Herron. I see the ACDP.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Today is a sad day as our Christian brother is unfairly persecuted for standing up for what is right. The ACDP believes that abortion is murder and stands firmly behind our Christian brother, Dr Jacques de Vos. Brother, you are not alone. We are with you. Dr De Vos has a desire to advance the right of the unborn child. He never tried to persuade anybody, but motivated that scientifically proven, the unborn child is a human being.

Hon Deputy Speaker, Dr De Vos, a former intern at 2 Military Hospital has been charged by the Health Professions Council of South Africa for unprofessional conduct and was prohibited from practising medicine due to his views on abortion. As a result, he has appeared on 27 August 2019 before a disciplinary panel in Cape Town. The Health Professions Council has taken two years to give him a hearing.

Hon Deputy Speaker, as the ACDP we support Dr De Vos and we are asking other Christians to rally behind him. The ACDP party members supported him at his hearing and we will again be there when he appears in October. Let us unite with Dr De Vos and support him at his hearing in October, showing the Health Professions Council that they are up against millions of Christians with the same view.

We ask the Health Professions Council to stop persecuting Dr De Vos for his pro-life views and demand that his medical licence be reinstated with immediate effect. The ACDP wants to appeal to Christians to sign a petition

online to stand with our dear brother Dr De Vos. Remember Christians, together we will overcome evil, because evil can only prevail when good people keep quiet. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Christians. I see the ANC.

Ms A BANS (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker, statement on the Children's Commissioner and rights. The Western Cape has been fed DA lies, smoke and mirrors. Some of these lies come from the tenure of Premier Helen Zille, who walked in and promised a constitutional Children's Commissioner would be installed. She then ran away from her own brainwave, and even tried to make optional this constitutional duty. She tried to tell us research is needed on the topic. Repeatedly we found out that research had been done. She lied to us. The rights of children get trampled upon regularly in the Western Cape as this DA Government does not care for their future.

Just yesterday thousands of children were stranded next to roads due to a dispute between the Education Department and bus operators. In various locations we find children living next to roads in pouring winter rain, some not even attending school. Ironically these children are the victims of evictions and thrown off farms with a house. Some are expected to also change schools where they will not be taught in the same language.

A Children's Commissioner could have assisted. Now we urgently need National Government or some competent institution to investigate these

abuses of poor and vulnerable children. I thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. [Applause.] I see the DA.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. In March 2019 a bombshell report titled “The High Level Review Panel Report on the State Security” was released by the Presidency on how the SSA has been repurposed by the ANC-led Government to serve the political interests of the ANC and its then-President Jacob Zuma, his Cabinet friends and cadres – some of whom remain in Parliament and in the National Cabinet, today.

The report showed the blatant disregard for legislation, unlawful spying and criminality. Naturally, one has to question its sister organisation, the SAPS Crime Intelligence. South Africa faces one of the highest crime rates in the world, with gang violence being most prevalent as well as organised crime.

SSA and SAPS Crime Intelligence need to work together to improve public safety. However, the Crime Intelligence Unit has also been a victim of the SSA intelligence as they lack effective strategies to do their work. We therefore call on President Ramaphosa to urgently appoint a review for the dysfunctional SAPS Crime Intelligence Unit. If Crime Intelligence is not beefed up urgently, the impact of the army will not be felt by communities. We do not only need the army; we need to fight crime intelligently.

A case in point is the truck burning and truck hijackings of recent. This has

been happening for months in KwaZulu Natal. We know this has started to happen in Cape Town. How our Crime Intelligence did not pick this up is beyond me, when the video footage of this has ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... been circling on social media for months. Many undisputed facts and arguments confirm there are issues within Crime Intelligence. Yet, we receive no response, no clear strategy from our National Minister of Intelligence and our police, with integration on the Western Cape policing needs and priorities. We have a poor and under-resourced Crime Intelligence Unit.

Our people are dying on a daily basis, because of the lack of Crime Intelligence strategies in this country. When will enough be enough? We need intelligence now. We need intervention now. We need the President to act now, to sort out our dysfunctional Crime Intelligence in this country.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. I note that the Freedom Front Plus is not in the House. I then move over to Al Jama-ah. [Interjections.] You were done? Okay. Thank you very much. I then see the DA.

†Mnr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN (DA): Agbare Adjunkspeaker, ons het die afgelope maand Vrouemaand gevier. Dit is 'n wonderlike inisiatief in reaksie op die historiese miskenning van vroue se regte. Maar ons kan nie ontken dat 97,4% van ons gevangenes mans is nie. En die 2,6% van vroue wat tronk toe gestuur word, se oortredings is dikwels deur mans, en spesifiek mans naby aan hulle, ontlok.

Suid-Afrika se tronkbevolking uitgedruk as 'n persentasie van die totale bevolking is dubbeld dié van ons buurlande. Hoekom is so baie mans en veral jong mans, vandag in die tronk? Ons aandag is ook in die afgelope week met die ontplooiing van die Weermag in sekere gemeenskappe, opnuut gevestig op die probleem van bendes en inter-persoonlike geweld. Waarom reageer sommige mense en kennelik veral mans, met geweld op konfrontasies? En hoe kan hierdie tendens verbreek word?

Gedrag is iets wat aangeleer word. En ons ken die gesegde: “Woorde wek, maar voorbeelde trek.” Volgens Statistiek Suid-Afrika word net 36% van kinders, tot op ouderdom van 4 jaar, groot met beide hulle biologiese ouers. Die meerderheid kinders kom dus uit enkelouer-gesinne. En ekonomiese realiteite maak dat baie ouers minder tyd met hul kinders deurbring as wat in die verlede die geval was.

Ons het volwassenes nodig wat deur goeie voorbeelde as rolmodelle vir kinders kan optree. Gelukkig vind ons hierdie rolmodelle in ons skole, by ons kerke en by talle jeugbewegings. Ons vind hulle in ons woonbuurte waar

hulle deur hul voorbeeld bure se kinders help vorm.

Ek wil daarom vandag hulde bring aan daardie vrywilligers in alle gemeenskappe, veral mans, wat as goeie, voorbeeldige rolmodelle vir ons seuns dien. Ek dank U.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN (DA): Hon Deputy Speaker, over the past month we have celebrated Womens Month. It is a wonderful initiative in reaction to the historical denial of womens' rights. But we cannot deny that 97,4% of our prisoners are men. And the 2,6% of women who are sent to prison, their transgressions have often been caused by men, and specifically men close to them.

South Africa's jail population expressed as a percentage of the total population is double that of our neighbouring countries. Why are so many men, and especially young men, in jail today? Over the past week, with the deployment of the army in certain communities, our attention has again been focused on the problem of gangs and inter-personal violence. Why do some people and especially men react with violence to confrontations? And how can this trend be broken?]

Behaviour is something that is learnt. And we know the saying: †*Woorde wek, maar voorbeelde trek*. [Example is better than precept]. According to

Statistics South Africa only 36% of children up to the age of 4 years grow up with both their biological parents. The majority of children therefore come from single parent families. And economical realities result in many parents spending less time with their children than in the past.

We need adults who can act as good role models to children through being good examples. Fortunately we find these role models in our schools, in our churches and in several youth movements. We find them in our suburbs where through their example they help to mould the neighbours children.

I therefore want to honour those volunteers in all communities, especially men, who act as good, exemplary role models for our sons. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member. We now move over, is there a Minister who wishes to respond as contemplated in the Standing Rule 145.6? Not exceeding 5 minutes. No? There is not. That is the end of Members Statements. Are there any motions where notice is given? I see the DA. Yes, hon member Mackenzie.

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates our ailing rail transport system and the impact

on our road infrastructure.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Notice taken. Yes, hon member Sayed.

Mr M K SAYED: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates factors contributing to the poor and declining matric pass rates in the Western Cape Province. Thank you.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Notice taken. Any further members? Hon Van der Westhuizen?

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the effect of the ongoing drought in certain regions of the Western Cape; and the province's readiness for the next drought in those areas that have benefitted from this year's winter rains. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Notice taken. Hon member Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates how this Government is going to deal with the ongoing scourge of bullying in our Western Cape schools.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Notice taken. I see the hon DA member Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the rural development strategy with the focus on hospitals, human settlements, policing and social development.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Thank you. I see hon member Nkondlo.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the economic situation in the Cape Flats.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Thank you. I tend to move over, if there is no-one there, then I will go back to member Sayed.

Mr M K SAYED: Can I?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, because they were not quick enough.

Mr M K SAYED: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House notes the promises made by the Public Works Department and the Education Department to the parents and learners of the KwaFaku School in Lower Crossroads are broken as this experimental building with the styrofoam cladding will not be replaced in time at the end of the year. I thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Notice taken. I see hon Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates small business development, youth development, the funding and the impact of non-payment on small businesses.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Thank you. Is there any other? No? Any other motions with notice? No? That concludes notices of motion. We move over to Motions Without Notice. Are there any motions without notice? Yes, hon member.

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Ms A BANKS: Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House urges all municipalities and also Eskom to secure all security points after a 9-year old boy from George died of electrocution.

I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Are there any objections to the motion itself? No objections. Agreed to. I see hon member Bosman.

Mr M G BOSMAN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that Ms Susanna June has been a teacher at Excelsior Primary School in Calitzdorp for the last 36 years; further notes that Ms June will be retiring this month and congratulates Ms June for her long years of dedicated service to the learners of the Kannaland Municipality. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Are there any objections to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. I see hon member Sayed.

Mr M K SAYED: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House urges the Education Department and its MEC to take all possible steps to prevent violence at schools as it is reported that there were 40 knife stabbings at schools so far this year. I thank you, Deputy Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? [Interjections.] Are there any objections to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. I saw hon Baartman first and then I move over to this side. [Interjections.]

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that approximately 800 to 1 000 community members visit the Cape Access Centre in Laingsburg per month – 10% of the community; further notes that this Centre trains community members to pass the International Computers Drivers License; have introduced an e-learner program to assist community members to breach the technological gap so that they can write the ICDL; commends Mr Edward Galant, the Centre manager for going out to farming communities on Saturdays when the Centre is closed – during his own, personal time – to train them in the various computer skills; commends the Centre further for assisting youths in drawing up CV's, completing tertiary education applications and assisting entrepreneurs with business proposals and congratulates the Cape Access Team in Laingsburg with the excellent work they are doing in the community. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Are there any objections to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Give me one second – can I just ask the hon member, if you could just clarify that there was an objection on the motion prior to member Baartman?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Yes, thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I objected to the motion being moved without notice.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): I am not objecting to the motion itself.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay. So, there was an objection to the motion being moved without notice, if I can just correct that with the Table staff for the record. It was prior to member Baartman's. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Just for the record, if I may, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes. Please.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): That was the motion before member Baartman. Member Sayed's motion.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. For the record it was member Sayed's motion. I recognise hon member Kama.

Mr M KAMA: Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that the South African Police Service recovered 1 037 illegal firearms in the province between November 2018 and July 2019; applauds SAPS for the great work and calls on the National Commissioner to ensure that all these guns are destroyed and not sold back to the gangs. I so move. [Applause.]

[Motion as moved by Member.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, member Kama. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Are there any objections to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. I am moving over to this side. Hon Mackenzie?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates Mitchells Plain born author, Dr Athol Williams, for hosting the first ever Cape Flats Book Festival in

Lentegeur, Mitchells Plain this weekend; further calls on all the people of the Cape Flats to attend this all important book show and show their support. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Are there any objections to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Member Windvogel, your hand was up.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the high number of objections against Cape Town's property rates and general dissatisfaction with the City unilaterally increasing payments to tax working-class people out of their homes. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? [Interjections.] There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. And I am sorry, I oversaw the EFF, so you get your chance, I recognise you, sir.

Mr M XEGO: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes that a 19-year old student, Uyinene Mrwetyana, has been missing since 24 August 2019; further notes that it comes against a backdrop of women going missing in the province for the past few years; further notes that women have disappeared, highlights how unsafe women and children are in the province, therefore calls on the Western Cape Provincial Parliament and the MEC for Safety and Security and all political structures and the wider community to intensify the call for Uyinene to be brought home safely. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Are there any objections to the motion itself?

The motion is agreed to. I see hon Bosman.

Mr M G BOSMAN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that Mr Danie van der Westhuizen and his cellar team of Calitzdorp Cellars in Kannaland Municipality have won several awards at the South African National Wine Show of 2019; further notes that these awards will go a very long way in creating more employment opportunities for the people of Kannaland, who are suffering under the impact of the drought and congratulates Mr Van der Westhuizen and his cellar team on this prestigious award where they won the Champion Port

Trophy for their Vintage Port 2019 as well as the Gold Medal for their Red Muscadel 2019 and wishes them well in their journeys and future endeavours. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Are there any objections to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon Bans?

Ms A BANS: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House urges the investigation authorities to thoroughly probe last week's weekend brawls in Langebaan at the Sport's Bar and Jag Club where senior Springbok rugby forward, Eben Etzebeth, some pals and local residents got involved in a gun-pointing-knife-stabbing of two people, brick throwing with damage to his car, physical assault and reportedly racist utterances hurled around and also urgently makes public their findings to clear up any confusion that may exist. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Are there any objections to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon Baartman?

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that it was reported that two suspects, aged 33 and 35, believe to be wanted in criminal cases in Gauteng, Limpopo North, have been arrested during a routine patrol by SAPS in Laingsburg Municipality; further notes that the police seized four illegal firearms and ammunition after searching the suspects' vehicles; also notes that the three firearms with filed-off serial numbers, one firearm of a deceased lawful owner, 21 9mm rounds of ammunition, 3 revolver rounds ammunition were seized as well; congratulates the SAPS Laingsburg Station for these arrests and confiscation of firearms and commends them for their hard work and dedication towards the community.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Are there any objections to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Member Sayed and then I see you, ACDP.

Mr M K SAYED: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House expresses concern over the strike by small operator

buses that provide essential learner transport to learners that stay too far from the schools to walk there and that this House urges the Department and the MEC to timeously settle differences to avoid such strikes in future, as it leaves poor parents in a panic as they cannot afford alternative transport and that we commend all parties for bringing this past week's strike to a quick end. I thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections? [Interjections.] There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. I see hon member Christians. [Interjections.]

Mr M K SAYED: Ah! I did not commend the MEC's Department ... [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Deputy Speaker [Interjection.]

Mr M K SAYED: For a change I praise the MEC directly, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. The ACDP ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. [Interjections.] Order, sorry. Order.

The PREMIER: You need to up ... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Can I hear the ACDP?

Mr M K SAYED: I think a few more praises, then she will be [Inaudible.].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I see you, hon Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House applauds Advocate Keith Matthee, senior counsel, together with Attorneys Martus de Wet and Khotso Modise of De Wet Wepener Inc. Attorneys, who offered to assist Dr De Vos *pro bono* to defend him at the disciplinary hearing against the Health Professional Council of South Africa for the fight to advance the right of an unborn child. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Are there any objections to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Any other motions? Yes, hon member.

Mr M KAMA: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes and commends the actions taken by authorities against people who smuggled one or possibly two lion cubs from Limpopo to Athlone; further welcomes the arrest of one suspect and the rescue of these wild animals from urban enclosures. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Are there any objections to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon Bans and then I see hon Sayed.

Ms A BANS: Thank you. Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes concerns of another by-law Cape Town intends putting in place with unenforceable stipulations that will gatekeep to only allow certain people on beaches, excluding poor or homeless residents and banning crude language; further notes that even human rights activists questioned this by-law and that ordinary people think the City and its leaders are lunatics, like with the drive to criminalise and fine poor people living on the streets. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice?

HON MEMBERS: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Sayed?

Mr M K SAYED: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes and condemns the light sanction at the Westerford School in Rondebosch, where a prefect's badge was taken for only two weeks after a racist utterance. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Yes, there are objections. The motion will be printed ... [Interjection.]

Mr M K SAYED: Surprise! Surprise!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Are there any other motions without notice? Have I recognised everybody? Thank you. That concludes Motions Without Notice.

Before we adjourn, members, I would like to inform the members that the CPA Annual General Meeting will commence immediately after the adjournment of the House. That concludes the business for the day. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 17:25.